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TWO KINDS OF PIRACY EXPLAINED

CASES AT SESSIONS

S.S. "ANKING" PROSECUTION OPENS TO-DAY

CHART PUT BEFORE JURY

The two kinds of piracy were explained in the Supreme Court to-day at the resumption of the December Criminal Sessions.

In the "Anking" case, the indictment against Yuen Ping-kwan comprised two counts, one of piracy jure gentium (or piracy at common law, which is equivalent to robbery, except that it is at sea and not on land), and the other of statutory piracy (under an Act of 1837), with violence and endangering life, for which the punishment can be death.

Statutory piracy must be within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (assistant Attorney General) both pointed out to the jury.

Admiralty Jurisdiction

The Admiralty claimed jurisdiction throughout the high seas, Mr. Fitzroy added, and pretended to have jurisdiction over that part covered at high tide and uncovered at low tide.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) was for the defence.

The preliminaries, including the reading of the indictment and interpretation, occupied the best part of an hour and Yuen Ping-kwan pleaded "not guilty."

In the charge of statutory piracy (including the words "did assault and murder"), the date of the alleged offence was given as Sept. 26, 1928. In the charge of "ordinary" piracy, the dates were Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29.

To Sit To-morrow?

Events on the British s.s. "Anking" while on her voyage from Singapore to Hongkong and Amoy, during which Mr. D. C. Jones (chief officer), Mr. H. Thompson (chief engineer) and Cheng Sun-tak (quartermaster) were killed, and Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole and others injured, were related by Mr. Fitzroy to the jury.

At one stage his Lordship the Chief Justice left his seat, on the bench and went to the jury box to point out places mentioned on a chart.

Should the case be not completed by this afternoon the Court will sit to-morrow morning.

Many of the officers and others on board the "Anking" at the time are to give evidence.

Antefacts Acquit Plea

Prior to the "Anking" case, Mr. Alabaster (who is also instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall) mentioned Ho Fu, who is charged with piracy jure gentium on board a junk.

It was indicated that a plea of antefacts acquit (that is, that prisoner had been previously tried elsewhere on the same charge and, therefore, cannot be tried again) would be entered. The solicitor for accused had written to the Court at Shenchai and that Court had relied referring the defence to the Court of the District Magistrate of Heungshan, a higher tribunal. Accordingly, counsel asked that the case be allowed to stand over to the next Sessions.

His Lordship granted the application on the Crown assenting.

FORGED NOTES

INDIAN AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED

An Indian, named Kam Singh, was charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., this morning with unlawful possession of 89 forged \$10 Hong Kong notes and two rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Lane, prosecuting, asked for another week's remand. He stated that he had received instructions from Mr. T. H. King, D.C.L., to have the case committed for trial.

After adjourning the case for another week, the Magistrate directed that defendant put on a turban when brought before the Court.

"All roads lead to the mortuary."
 A witness at the Bow County Court.

THE "GAZETTE DU FRANC" SCANDAL

MORE ARRESTS

TWO DIRECTORS OF ALLIED NEWSPAPERS

FURTHER SENSATION

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Gillot and M. Anquetil, directors respectively of the "Interpresse" and the "L'Armateur" financial newspapers associated with the "Gazette du Franc," have been arrested.—Reuter.

The Crash

[A telegram from Paris, dated December 8, stated:—Financial and political circles experienced, in the arrest of Madame Marthe Hanau and her divorced husband, Lazare Bloch, in connection with what is described as one of the most colossal financial swindles in French records.

Both are accused of huge frauds at the expense of small investors.

Madame directed a vast share in the investment organisation of the Paris "Gazette du Franc" founded in 1926 with the avowed idea of restoring public confidence in the franc.

The "Gazette" boosted the shares of her companies, published articles by several ministers and well-known authorities and once the front page was devoted to a letter from M. Poincare.

The crash came when inquiries were opened on her proposal to issue bonds of 170,000,000 francs at a high interest.

An examination of the books are alleged to show an uncovered deficit of \$800,000.

It is alleged that a number of deputies are involved in the scandal.

M. Poincare, in the Chamber, promised a thorough investigation which, judging by the cartloads of documents seized at the "Gazette" office, will likely be of very protracted.

First Fruits

A later telegram said that with reference to the "Gazette du Franc" crash the arrest of its principal directors would seem to be the first fruits of a harvest of financial scandals in France.

The director of a Strasbourg financial concern has been arrested but the police refuse to divulge details.

Count Maurice de Courville, described as the founder of the "Gazette du Franc" in 1925 has been accused of complicity in the Hanau affair, but he has been provisionally allowed his liberty.

STRICKEN MINERS

CHRISTMAS FARE FOR THE DISTRESSED

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LABOUR M.P.'S DEATH

THE PRIMATE

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Mr. G. H. Warner, the Labour Member of Parliament for Wensbeck, Northumberland, since 1922. At the last General Election he held his seat by a majority of over 2,000 against a Conservative in a straight contest.—Reuter.

[Mr. Warner, who was President of the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Approved Society, officiated as a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1924 when the Labour Party was in power. He was only 47 at the time of his death.]

HIS MAJESTY'S HEALTH

NOT SO GOOD

THE RAY THERAPY TREATMENT AGAIN ADMINISTERED

"LESS CONFIDENT" FEELING

London, Yesterday.

Reuter was officially informed at 3.15 p.m. that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition. For the first time since Sunday Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods called at the palace to-night to administer the ray therapy treatment, says a bulletin signed by Sir Stanley Hewett, Sir Hugh Rigby and Lord Dawson of Penn.

"Definite Check"

The usual morning and evening bulletins will be issued to-morrow, it is reliably learnt.

To-night's bulletin indicates a slight temporary but definite check in the King's progress. It is pointed out that though the doctors recent-

THE KING'S HEALTH

"Not Been So Satisfactory"

London, Yesterday.

A bulletin issued at 8.20 p.m. stated that during to-day His Majesty's condition had not been so satisfactory, as there had been a disinclination to take nourishment and his strength had been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady.—Reuter.

ly emphasised that progress would be necessarily slow and tedious the improvement has been even slower than anticipated, probably owing to the difficulty of inducing the patient to take nourishment, the main item of which for some time has been raw eggs.

The statement that the pulse remains steady is not altogether a reassuring sign, denoting that while the doctors are momentarily satisfied, they are watching the future with great attention.

There is a less confident atmosphere at the Palace to-night, in contrast with the past few days.

New Year Honours

Owing to the King's illness the Prime Minister is at present unable to make the customary submission to His Majesty for the New Year Honours list, which will in consequence be postponed.

In A Weak Condition

Reuter learns that no alarm is at present felt as to the King's condition. The anxiety which continued during the past week still exists.

The position is that the King had and still has a very narrow margin of safety.

A check in the progress in the case of a man in such a weak condition as His Majesty must be serious.

A bacteriological examination was carried out this afternoon and it is understood that the doctors intend to carry out a further general review of the case to-day, when they hope that His Majesty may regain some of the "lost ground."

The result of the lapse in progress is that the margin of safety has become smaller and until the King can reach a condition where the margin is wider anxiety will continue.—Reuter.

[By A Medical correspondent in the "Daily Mail."]

Congestion of the lung, from which the King is suffering, is a necessary consequence of any but the mildest infection of the lung tissues.

It simply means, in effect, that an additional supply of "lymph" is being brought to the affected part so as to wash away accumulated bacterial poisons, and that the body is resisting to the best of its ability with the help of the blood cells which are its defenders.

APPALLING BELGIAN DISASTER

INUNDATIONS

7,000 ACRES INHABITED BY 10,000 AFFECTED

SPRING TIDES EXPECTED

Brussels, Yesterday.

Serious inundations have occurred over the whole district north of Termonde due to the violent gale and the in-rushing tidal waters of the Scheldt.

Nearly 7,000 acres, inhabited by 10,000 people are under water and the outlook is blackened owing to the contemplation of high spring tides expected on Dec. 29 coupled with the hopelessness of damming-up the Scheldt.—Reuter.

Aid to Diagnosis

A microscopic examination of the blood, such as has been carried out in the case of the King, is one of the many useful aids to exact diagnosis which modern science provides in all febrile cases.

A drop of the patient's blood is obtained by pricking either the finger-tip or the lobe of the ear, and it is smeared evenly over the surface of a wafer-thin square of glass. In order to make recognition of the different types of cell which are found in the blood as easy as possible, this "film" is stained with an aniline dye which shows them up in a characteristic red and blue pattern.

The glass slip is then placed on a larger slide, whose surface is scored in a checker-board pattern, so as to divide it into a series of tiny squares. The number of white cells in each of these is then counted under a microscope, and the average compared with what is known to be the "normal."

What X-Rays Reveal

An X-ray examination of the chest is often of great value in ensuring the detection of small patches of consolidation in the lungs which are not detectable by the ordinary methods of physical examination. As these consist of consolidated lung tissue, they are opaque to the rays and show up as dark patches.

Any serious or widespread patches would give rise to such unmistakable physical signs that the mere fact of the use of X-rays may be regarded as reassuring.

The King's Doctors

Many people have been puzzled by the description of the two eminent medical men who are attending the King. Sir Stanley Hewett is Surgeon-Apothecary and Lord Dawson of Penn is Physician-in-Ordinary. The former title dates back several hundred years. The doctor holding the position is in constant medical attendance, while the Physician-in-Ordinary is sent for in the capacity of consultant.

Lord Dawson of Penn, who has been Physician-in-Ordinary to the King since 1907, has a world-wide reputation. Quite apart from the high position he holds in relation to the King, and held in regard to King Edward VII., to whom he was Physician Extraordinary, he has come to be regarded as a spokesman in all that concerns the interests and activities of the profession to which he belongs.

His seat in the House of Lords has given him opportunities of uttering expert views of importance and wide interest. Especial attention was aroused by a vigorous condemnation of prohibition, cordial approval of the use of alcohol in moderation, proof that the nation is becoming more sober, and an appreciation of the part played by modern women in bridging the gap about which were contained in a striking speech made by him in the Upper Chamber about eighteen months ago.

Sir Stanley Hewett, Surgeon-Apothecary to the King since 1914, filled the same position to the late Queen Alexandra. He is only 48, and has been a familiar figure at St. Thomas's and West London hospitals, in both of which he has held various appointments. His residence is in Cleveland-row, St. James's, S.W., within less than five minutes' walk of Buckingham Palace.

He is a Wiltshire man and unmarried. He was educated at Haileybury and is a graduate of Caius College, Cambridge. He was knighted in 1921.

THE FERMENT IN KABUL

REBELS CHECKED

WAR MINISTER HEADS THE LOYALIST TROOPS

"IN THE NICK OF TIME"

Moscow, Yesterday.

A telegram from Kabul states that the Loyalists, headed by the War Minister, Vail Khan, have driven back the rebels from Kabul and occupied Baghala Hill. They also dislodged the rebels in the Darulaman Valley.

King Amanullah's troops to the east are holding Jalalabad on the Hindukush Front.

The Rescue

The foreign women and children were rescued in the nick of time from Kabul, as no further flying is possible for the aerodrome is now under two feet of snow.

It is reported from Peshawar that King Amanullah may try to move the Government to Kandahar and attempt a strong offensive against the rebels.

The British Legation is in direct wireless touch with India and says that the Afghan Government situation at Kabul is definitely easier.

TEST TEAMS

The teams to play for England and Australia in the Third Test Match, which opens at Melbourne to-morrow, will be found on page 9.

There has been no further fighting.

Rebels Destroy Hospital

A later cable from Moscow says that the Government troops have occupied Pagan and have driven out the rebels 18 miles from Kabul.

The rebels destroyed the military hospital at Biripala height and a number of villages around Kabul.—Reuter.

EXEMPTED

JUROR WHO WAS FINED TEN DOLLARS

AND ONE GOING AWAY

Mr. Im Pak-hi, who was fined \$50 on December 18 by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) because he was absent when his name was called for jury service at the Criminal Sessions, and whose fine was subsequently reduced, on explanation, to \$10, was exempted from service this morning.

His name was drawn in the "Anking" piracy case. As Mr. Im was reading the affirmation from the form on a card, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (assistant Attorney General) asked him to read aloud.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence) expressed doubt as to Mr. Im's ability to read the English in the affirmation.

Very Serious Case

His Lordship asked Mr. Im if he knew English. Mr. Im replied: "Not quite well" and then added "It is too poor for the Court." His Lordship pointed out that the case was a very serious one and suggested that Mr. Im withdraw, and Mr. Im was thereupon exempted from service.

PTE. JAMES BOYLE

ONCE AGAIN BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

NO NEWS FROM COLOMBO

Private James Boyle, of the K.O.S.B., who was charged with the attempted murder of Sgt. A. Kerr on board the troop ship "Somersetshire" on Oct. 19-20 on the high seas, between Aden and Colombo, was again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistrate's this morning.

Inspector Lane informed the Magistrate that he had rung up the military authorities this morning, and had been told that no further news had been received.

The case was again adjourned for another week.

SEAMEN'S CASES TAKE UNEXPECTED TURN

AN ADJOURNMENT

COUNSEL PROTEST AGAINST REFERENCE TO SHIPPING MASTER

CHARTERER'S VIEWPOINT

The case against members of the crew of the British s.s. "Darcolla," charged with disobeying the lawful order of the master (Captain John Ferguson), took an unexpected turn at the Marine Court this morning, when the Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., who suggested that the affair was a dispute over agreement, decided to refer the parties to the Shipping Master at the Harbour Office.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defendants, protested. He said that he felt very strongly about the treatment meted out to the crew, and he certainly thought that it was a matter which ought to be made public. He added that the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, an independent party in the dispute who had investigated on his own behalf, was frankly surprised that such a state of affairs could be obtained on a British ship.

Possibility of Prejudice

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton also raised an objection, he referred to the possibility of prejudice entering into the case, as it was known that people had gone on board the ship and taken statements there.

The point of view of the charterers of the ship, the Java-China-Japan-Lin, was expressed by Mr. O.E.C. Marton, who said that from his clients' point of view the case should be dealt with as early as possible, as the sooner the ship was able to leave the better it would be for the charterers, who were not concerned with the dispute.

Chinese Crew?

The Magistrate said that the thought that the matter could be dealt with more speedily if taken before the Shipping Master.

Mr. Brutton then produced to the Magistrate a telegram which had been received by Captain Ferguson in Court.

Mr. Russ asked to be allowed to see the cable and then remarked: "Now I understand. It is exactly as told to me yesterday, but I did not believe it."

The "China Mail" understands that the cable contained instructions from the owners to the master to ship a Chinese crew.

An Interview

Finally, after further discussion, the Magistrate referred the parties to the Shipping Master, and adjourned the case provisionally until 4 p.m., to await the outcome of the interview with the Shipping Master.

The question was raised as to the ship being further tied up here, and the Magistrate inquired if it was possible for a fresh crew to be engaged immediately.

The reply was in the affirmative. Mr. Russ asked what would happen to the defendants if the ship sailed.

Would Receive Wages

The Magistrate replied that the Court stood adjourned until 4 p.m., and surely, the ship would still be here at that time.

Mr. Russ inquired if, following the Shipping Master's decision, the men would receive their wages.

The Magistrate replied that they would.

Mr. Russ: I will not be left to the master to decide?

The Magistrate replied that the master would have to place the wages account before the Shipping Master, and the latter would decide.

Mr. Russ then expressed his willingness to go before the Shipping Master, and remarked that he was sure that both Mr. Brutton and himself would be able to co-operate with a view to coming to a satisfactory conclusion.

At the opening of to-day's sitting of the Marine Court, Mr. Brutton told the Magistrate that the present charge should be amended to (1) refusing without reasonable cause to proceed to sea on the ship; and (2) conspiring and combining to impede the progress of the ship's voyage.

Mr. Russ protested that yesterday he received notice from Mr. Brutton re the charge of "conspiring and conspiring," but nothing was said about "reasonable cause."

The Magistrate said that the men had been duly charged by the master, and he thought that it covered everything.

Mr. Brutton replied that the charge was not in accordance with copies of charges which he had given to the master. When the latter got to the police he found that

J. A. GORDON LEASK'S DEATH

EX-H.K. SOLICITOR

CHRISTMAS EVE CABLE FROM SANDAKAN

ON EASMA COMMITTEE

The "China Mail" learns with regret that a cable has been received in Hong Kong notifying the reported death on Christmas Eve, at Sandakan, Borneo, of Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, the solicitor.

Mr. Leask was here for a few years with Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Co. This year he left for Sandakan where he was in charge of the office of Mr. A. B. Hall, the Hong Kong practitioner. During his stay here, Mr. Leask was prominently identified with a number of institutions and was associated with the management of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and the Easma Club.

He was a young man, well-built and strong. In the opinion of another lawyer, Mr. Leask was "always a gentleman and ever a fair fighter."

S.P.O.'S DEATH

AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL IN SHANGHAI

The death occurred yesterday of Stoker Petty Officer Thomas Reed, late of H.M.S. "Gnat," of the Yangtze Gunboat Flotilla, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai.

He was not married (as far as is known) and his home was at Brighton.

the latter had already framed a charge against the defendants.

Police Complimented

Mr. Russ remarked that from his personal experience of the framing of charges by the police, he could say that they were very capable men.

The Magistrate suggested that they should proceed with the charge as it stood, and if necessary, a further charge could be added later.

Mr. Russ pointed out that if, later, it was decided to proceed with "conspiracy and combining" charge, it would upset his defence as it would be necessary for him to call more evidence to meet that charge. He commented that the prosecution was changing its position every minute. The least that he could say was that it was a very unusual procedure.

Mr. Brutton said that he could not proceed with the present charge, as it would make it necessary for him to call definite evidence of an order given to each man.

The Magistrate asked if any routine order had been issued by the master.

What Mr. Russ Doubted

Mr. Russ remarked that having listened to the master in the witness box, he doubted if he ever gave any order or command of any description.

Mr. Brutton, ignoring Mr. Russ's reply, said that orders for watches, etc., had been issued early in the morning. Then when he returned on board from the charterers' office and said that they were going to sail at 2 p.m., he was told that there was trouble with the crew.

The Magistrate said that if the men in the dock included those on watch, the present charge of disobeying a lawful command, would apply.

His Worship then inquired if there was any dispute on agreement.

Mr. Brutton said that as far as the Captain was concerned, the agreement was one for a straight and continuous voyage, and it was broken here by the men.

For the Shipping Master

The Magistrate said that if the matter devolved on the quality of food, as suggested by Mr. Russ yesterday, then it would come under agreement, and was a matter for the Shipping Master to deal with.

Mr. Russ said that the matter was one which should be brought to the notice of the Board of Trade, and therefore it should be publicly dealt with.

His Worship replied that a report of all matters brought before the Shipping Master would be forwarded to the Board of Trade.

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MANILA MARU Saturday, 29th December.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Saturday, 8th February, 1929.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
SHUNGO MARU Thursday, 3rd January.
SHINYO MARU Monday, 7th January.
CHIFUKU MARU Saturday, 10th January, 1929.

(Calls at Penang & Karachi).

DURBAN, LOURENÇO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Rangoon.
MEXICO MARU Saturday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TACOMA MARU Monday, 31st December.

(Calls at Belawan Deli).

BORNEO MARU Friday, 18th January, 1929.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURNA MARU Saturday, 5th January.

SAIGON—Via Hoibow.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 3rd January 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAWANA MARU Sunday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS.
KASADO MARU Thursday, 10th January, 1929.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th December Noon.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

COASTAL MOVES

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr. J. Robinson, chief officer,
"Wenchow," has gone chief officer,
"Sinkiang."

Mr. G. A. Evans, chief officer,
"Sinkiang," has gone acting mas-
ter, "Chungking."

Mr. R. K. Stott, extra second
officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone
acting chief officer, "Changsha."

Mr. J. N. Daniel has been ap-
pointed extra second officer, "Hsin
Peking."

Mr. T. B. Low, from reserve, has
gone chief officer, "Chungking."

Mr. J. M. McWilliams, chief
officer, "Chungking," is on reserve.

Mr. R. Wherry, from reserve, has
gone chief officer, "Wenchow."

Mr. K. A. Pegden, extra second
officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone
second officer, "Chusan."

Mr. W. Jones, chief officer,
"Ngankin," has resigned.

Mr. R. Allison, chief officer,
"Chungking," has gone chief officer,
"Ngankin."

Mr. J. Shiell, from reserve, has
gone third officer, "Hopsang."

Captain J. H. Ferguson, of the
"Yuensang," is on home leave.

Captain J. McAlin, from home
leave, has gone master, "Yuen-
sang."

Mr. H. A. Settle, from home
leave, has gone chief officer,
"Liangchow."

Captain H. S. Allison, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Luenho."

Captain W. A. Balch, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Fooshing."

Mr. D. B. Smith, from home
leave, has gone second officer, "Sui-
wa."

Mr. W. Wanderleach, from re-
serve, has gone third engineer
officer, "Yatsing."

Mr. C. Moore, third engineer
officer, "Yatsing," has gone acting
second engineer officer, "Ming-
sang."

Mr. J. Fry, second engineer
officer, "Mingsang," has resigned.
—Shipping and Engineering.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

H.M.'s transport "Neuralia" is
to leave Shanghai on Dec. 31 for
Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Kent" (flagship) left
Sandakan yesterday for Makassar.
H.M.S. "Concord" left Colombo
yesterday for Singapore. She car-
ries reliefs for Hong Kong.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Allport" left
Singapore for this port yesterday
at 8 a.m. and is due here on Jan.
4 at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
France" left Vancouver for Hong
Kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on Dec. 23, and is due here
on Jan. 10. She will sail for
Manila at 5 p.m. on Jan. 11.

NEW SUMMER PORT

CANADIAN TRAFFIC WHICH MAY DEVELOP

NEW LINES.

Canada next year may have a
new summer port. Her winter
port having been officially fixed
at Halifax, there will thus be two
newly recognised ports within a
year for winter and summer ser-
vices.

The new summer port will be
peculiar amongst the ports of the
world in several respects. It will
be open for navigation only three
months, in the year—July 1 to
October 1; a considerable portion
of it will be far from established
ocean lines; it will be, at least in
its early days, for freight rather
than for passenger traffic; it will
be the outlet for the interior busi-
ness of a territory as large as the
whole of Europe; and it will be
the cheapest route between West-
ern Canada and European mar-
kets.

This new summer port at Fort
Churchill, at the far western end
of the Hudson Bay, will differ
from any port yet constructed. It
is wholly a Dominion Government
enterprise, backed and developed
by the Canadian taxpayer. It is
also in a sense a political port. It
would never have been built but
for urgent political reasons. For
20 years the farmers of Western
Canada have demanded an outlet
to Europe through the Hudson
Bay for their wheat.

At first the demand was feeble
and inarticulate. Then, through
the farmers' clubs and societies,
the enthusiasm increased until it
reached the point where no politi-
cal party could afford to ignore it.
The next step was to get all the
politicians pledged to support the
movement for the construction of
a railway to the Hudson Bay dis-
trict. Finally, the pressure be-
came so strong that the Canadian
Parliament voted money for sur-
veys, and later for the building of
a railway to Port Nelson.

The End of a Funnell

But when an English engineer
went out to Canada last year and
reported against Port Nelson, and
in favour of Fort Churchill, all
that had been done at the
Nelson terminus had
to be scrapped, and the rail
tracks turned in the north-westerly
direction of Fort Churchill,
towards which they are heading
now at so rapid a rate that the
line will be finished next year,
when either the Prince of Wales
or the Duke of York is expected to
make a formal opening of the new
terminals.

It is, therefore, believed that
Fort Churchill will be in full
swing in 1930, with wheat that
summer pouring out of gigantic
elevators into steamers specially
built for its conveyance to Liver-
pool, London, Glasgow, Manches-
ter, and to such ports in Europe
as may require it. For Fort
Churchill will be known by the
name of the summer wheat port
of Canada, in contradistinction to
Halifax, which has just assumed
the title of the winter wheat port
of the Dominion. That more
wheat, many times over, will go
through Fort Churchill than
through Halifax is a foregone
conclusion. One has the overland
haul in its favour, while the other
is handicapped by its great dis-
tance from the wheat fields of the
West. Fort Churchill is right at
the end of the funnel of the great-
est wheat areas developed in any
part of the world; Halifax is 2,000
to 3,000 miles away.

If Fort Churchill could be kept
open for navigation as long, say,
as the St. Lawrence route, it
will deprive Montreal,
on the Atlantic side of
the Dominion, and Vancouver on
the Pacific, of enormous ship-
ments in grain. Halifax, how-
ever, will not be affected by this
new route, since it is a winter
port, pure and simple, in respect
of Canadian grain for Europe,
while the Hudson Bay terminals
are exclusively for summer use.

Probable Trade Development

Halifax, however, will benefit
in another way. It has recently
become known that a great ship-
ping business will be done be-
tween Halifax and Fort Churchill.
The interior of Western Canada
will want bituminous coal, fish,
fruit, and manufactures—all
brought in through the Hudson
Bay—during the open summer
months. Halifax is in a better
position for such a trade than
other Canadian ports. Nova
Scotia is pre-eminently a coal-
bearing province. Its mines are
as inexhaustible as those of Brit-
ain. Its salt-water fisheries are
amongst the most productive in

the coastal waters of the Ameri-
can Continent. Its apples are
famous. Its manufactures—such
as sugar, cotton, shoe-wear,
wooden ware, tinned goods, and
several other staple lines—are
capable of whatever expansion is
required to meet the demands of
Western Canada's future millions.

And that—the millions of
people who before long will live in
the prairie provinces—is the real
hope of whatever degree of pros-
perity may come to Fort Church-
ill. All manner of prophecies
are made in respect of this, none
of which may be realised. Yet
the future of the whole vast coun-
try between Winnipeg and Van-
couver (east to west) and the
American boundary and the upper
reaches of the Peace River Valley
(south to north) must of neces-
sity be one of considerable pros-
perity.

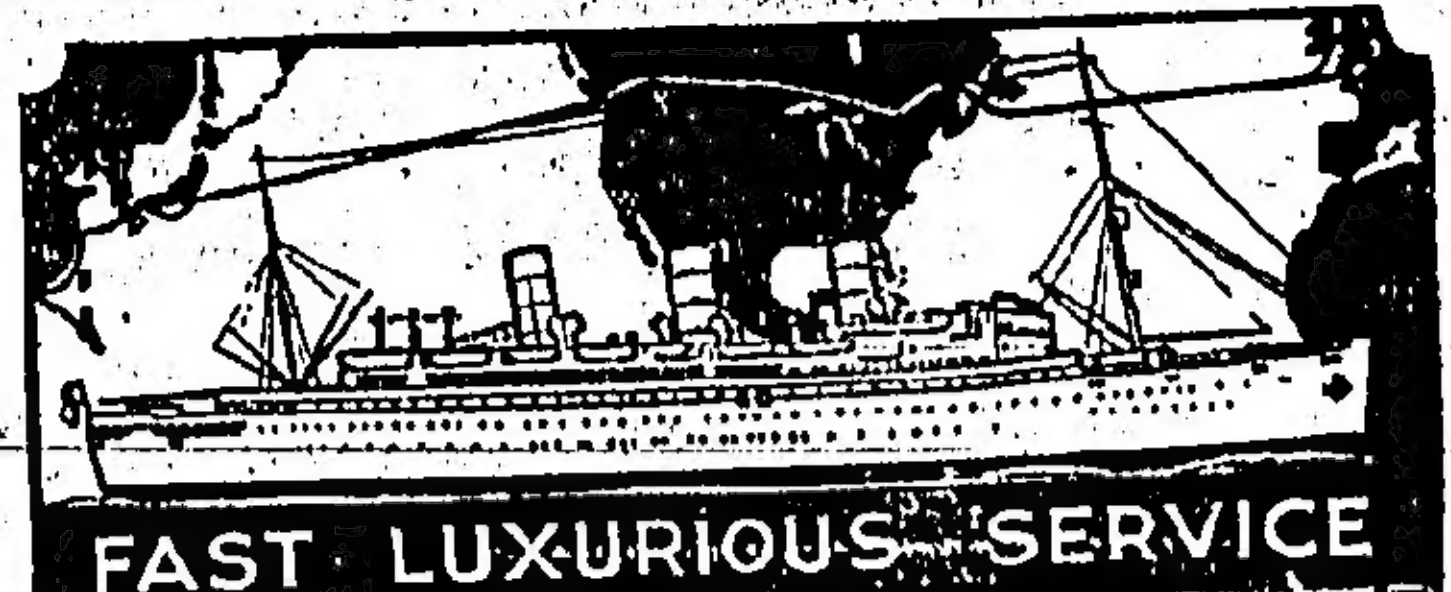
The wealth of the country's
agricultural and mineral re-
sources seems to be a guarantee
of that. This year's wheat, 550
million bushels, would go out of
the Hudson Bay route next sum-
mer to the extent of at least 50
million bushels, provided the port
were ready by that time. As
1,500 million bushels of wheat is
the prophesied crop by and by,
the export business at Fort Church-
ill may become one of the most
concentrated anywhere (during
its three months), once the route
is satisfactorily established.

Tourists From England and Europe

What the shipping business
may ultimately become at this
new summer port may be esti-
mated from Western Canada's pre-
sent prospects. Lines of grain
carriers, specially built in
Britain, will be necessary, and
of rather a different type from
the grain vessels operating on the
Great Lakes, as they will be
trans-Atlantic and not fresh-
water carriers. Steamers will
also run between Fort Churchill
and Montreal, and to Halifax and
St. John, in the maritime pro-
vinces. The interesting calcula-
tion has just been made by of-
ficials of the Canadian Wheat Pool,
which handles this year over
250,000,000 bushels of wheat,
that if 25,000 tons of wheat be
loaded daily during three months
at Fort Churchill the shippers will
then get rid of less than one-fifth
the crop of the present year. In
view of the annually-increasing
grain output of the prairies these
figures give some idea of the
business which may be expected at
Fort Churchill once it comes fully
into its activities as a summer
port.

Passenger traffic on a profitable
scale is also anticipated. While
wheat carriers from Fort Church-
ill to Liverpool may not be
obliged to go back empty—coal at
least being possible as one form
of return cargo—there may
spring up a class of tourist travel
of no small importance. The sea
voyage is comparatively short,
and once at Fort Churchill there
is a variety of country for sport
and travel which may prove an
attraction for Europeans.

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ships are plying regularly from
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for ocean voyaging, Britain tour-
ist may find a new field for travel.



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tinued, "we ought to find human
races in every stage of differentia-
tion. This is what investigation
is now revealing."

"Huxley rightly regarded the
English, Welsh, Scottish, and Irish
nationalities as mixtures of the

same two racial stocks—the Nordic
and Mediterranean of Europe—and
these, from a zoologist's point of
view, he held, had no claim to
racial status.

"A truer conception of the man-
ner in which human races are
evolved must lead to a reversal of
Huxley's verdict. A nation must
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it is only when this biological con-
ception is applied that national
behaviour can be explained."

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,005	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
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ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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A PROBLEM

So universal, is the "Plimsoll mark" on the sides of ships that most people assume the affixing of this indication of the depth to which a ship may be loaded to be in all cases compulsory. So, indeed, it is under the laws of nearly all maritime countries, but there is one notable exception, says the "Financial Times." Though few people not directly concerned may be aware that the United States has no load line law, this, nevertheless, is the fact. In the absence of national regulation of their own, American ships loading in foreign ports are subject to the laws in force there, and to remedy this anomalous state of affairs a Bill has for some time been before the United States Legislature. It is expected to be further considered during the forthcoming session. Compliance with the load line law of a ship's own flag is usually accepted by other States, and therefore, when the United States has legislated as proposed, American ships will be freed from the obligation of conforming to the details of any foreign requirements. Vessels of the United States Shipping Board are now, in fact, marked with load lines and provided with certificates of freeboard issued by the American Bureau of Shipping, but, if questioned, these formalities would have at present no legal validity in the ports of other countries.

International Treatment Needed.
The question of regulations for the assignment of load lines to ships is essentially one for international treatment, and the purpose of the United States in adopting legislation similar to that in force in other countries is understood to be in part to regularise its position as a participant in the International Conference on Safety at Sea which is proposed to be held in London early next year. At this gathering the safety convention drawn up at an earlier conference, held after the loss of the Titanic, will be revised. That convention has never been fully carried into effect because of the break caused by the war, and the whole problem now needs reconsideration in the light of further experience which has been gained. At the former conference the load line question was not included in the discussion, because the British Government had expressed its intention of calling a further special conference on this particular matter, but clearly it cannot be omitted now. As the chief surveyor of the American Bureau of Shipping has pointed out, regulations for sub-division of ships and rules as to stability are, without means are taken to ensure that ships are not loaded beyond their proper draughts. At the time that the conference after the loss of the "Titanic" was held a committee appointed by our own Board of Trade was studying the question of revising load line tables and regulations. The subject has been and still is under official consideration, a second committee having been appointed in 1927. Its report should be available before the International Safety Conference takes place next year.

Safety and Earning Power.
Thus it is apparent that the whole problem, which includes many technical as well as legal points, is approaching a stage when definite developments may be expected. In its broadest

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	WAISHING	Wed., 9th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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Oosaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Thurs., 10th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Fri., 4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Wed., 9th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	KAUSANG	Fri., 11th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HWSANG	Fri., 18th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER	DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 18	m 11 47	4.4	m 4 47	0.2	
Sat. 19	9 17	8.6	3 15	3.5	
Sun. 20	10 43	4.3	m 5 34	0.3	
Mon. 21	11 38	4.3	m 6 30	0.6	
Tues. 22	11 38	7.7	4 40	3.8	
Wed. 23	11 38	4.4	m 7 7	1.0	
Thurs. 24	11 38	7.1	m 7 58	4.0	
Fri. 25	11 38	4.6	m 8 55	4.2	
Sat. 26	11 38	6.3	m 8 47	1.9	
Sun. 27	11 38	4.9	m 8 41	4.3	
Mon. 28	11 38	5.8	m 9 39	2.4	
Tues. 29	11 38	5.2	m 10 33	4.1	



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The fire broke out in the stokehold shortly after the vessel had left the docks bound for China, and the ship had to be beached and the fire put out with the assistance of tugs. Evidence was given at the inquiry that oil and coal were used in the furnaces.

The Court found that the fire was caused by oil leakage at the burner attached to the starboard lower furnace of the after port boiler, probably due to the slackening of the housing screw, and that the seriousness of the fire was aggravated by leakage from a defective junction-pipe leading to the burners. The responsibility for the fire did not rest with the Glen Line Ltd., nor with any of the parties cited in the inquiry, and no issue arose as to any certificate.

Among replies given to questions set by the Board of Trade were the following: "The Court considers that the fire would have occurred had oil fuel alone been used in all the furnaces, but that it would not have occurred had coal alone been used."

"The Court considers that the risk of fire is greater when both coal and oil-burning furnaces are used at the same time in a common stokehold than when oil fuel is used alone in an oil-tight compartment from which coal ashes, firing tools, and naked lights have been excluded."

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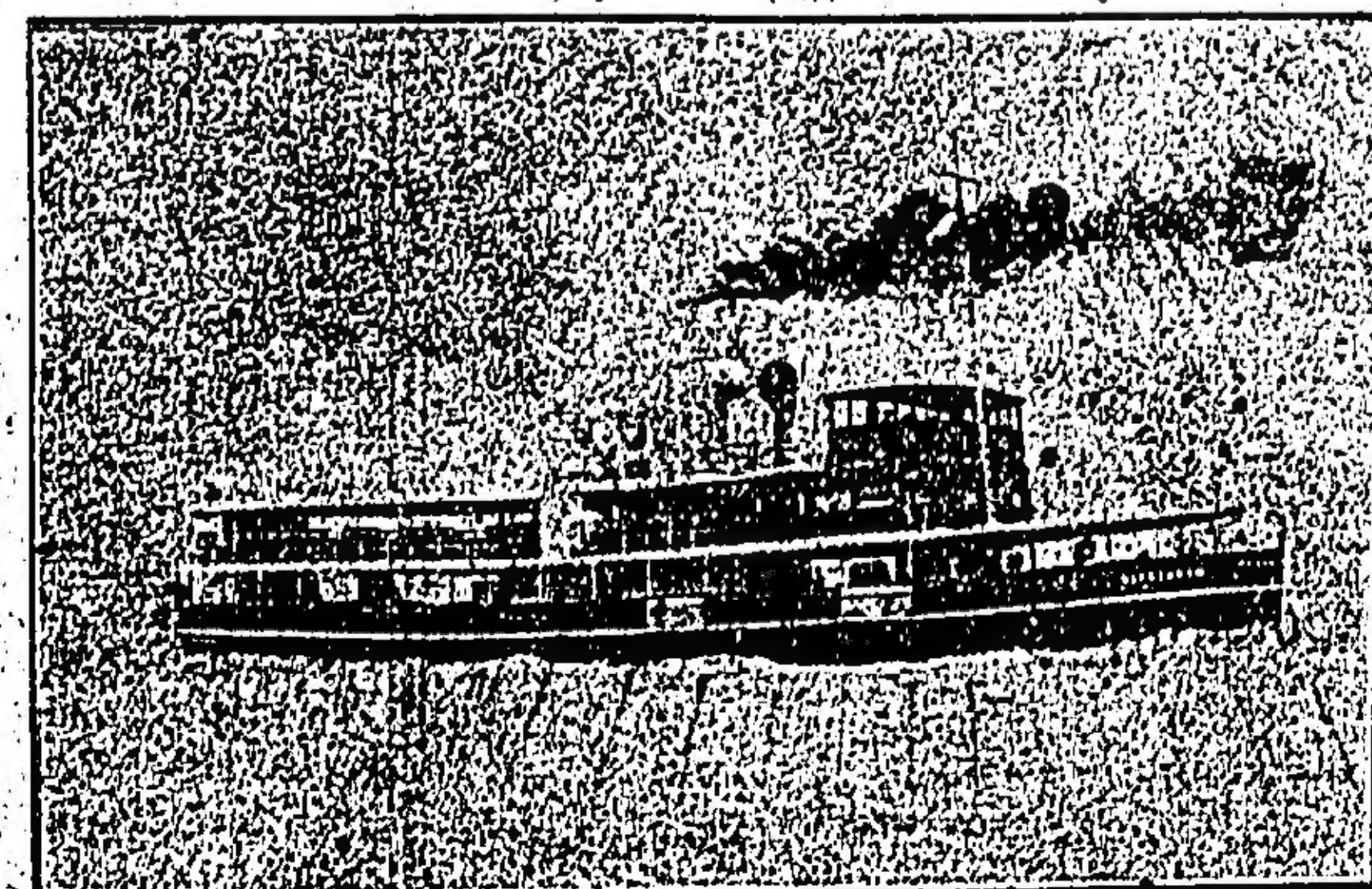
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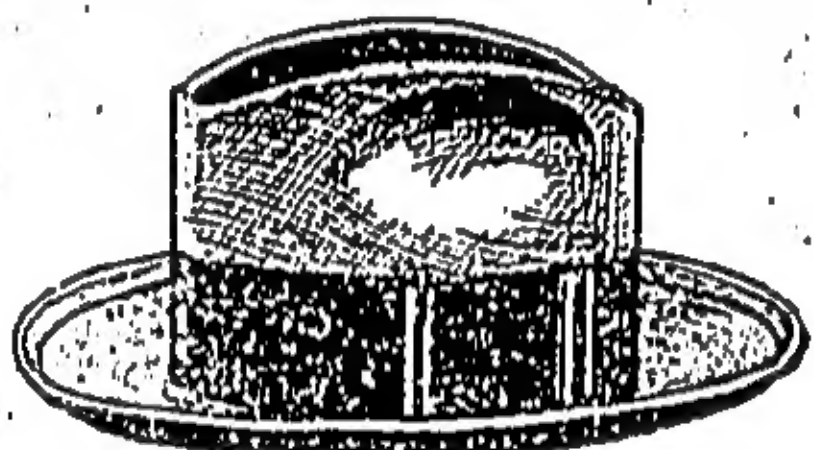
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"THE EXPERT OF THE OTHER SEX"

A brief and amusing article in yesterday's "China Mail" entitled "Unhappy Fellows," which purported to tell "the truth about bachelors" is as suggestive of much speculation as it is simulating of a variety of thoughts on a subject which is, unquestionably, one of supreme interest. It appears that Mr. J. F. Roxburgh, headmaster of Stowe School, had occasion recently to address the girls of St. Monica's School, Tadworth, Surrey, and he took the opportunity to impart some words of wisdom, which were as witty as they were wise, and with which, on the whole, most people will agree. He prefaced his remarks by stating that he believed the reason why he, a bachelor, should be asked to address a girls' school was probably because a bachelor, much more than a benedict, understood the other sex. "A bachelor is the expert of the other sex," he declared, simply because he "sees the sex as a whole," whereas the married man, in a word, as it were, could not see the wood in true perspective because his view was really interrupted by "one of the trees." The man who had the "uninterrupted view" was the bachelor. This, according to Mr. Roxburgh, enabled the bachelor to regard himself "as the expert of the other sex."

We imagine that both benedicts and their wives might have something very different to say on this point; might even go the length of concluding that the

bachelors not only had a very vague idea of the "other sex" simply because, being bachelors, they evidently failed to realise the real, true and essential duties of their own sex. Mr. Roxburgh even went so far as to venture, to say that "a woman really knows very little of women" because she is also in the wood and she also cannot see the wood for the trees. But we should be inclined to conclude that, being in the wood and of it, gives her a much better idea of "the wood" than can possibly be known to the mere bachelor, who, according to Mr. Roxburgh, had the best "view of all." It is a very interesting point, but most women, we imagine, would not regard it as anything in the nature of a problem. They would probably arrive at the conclusion that the man who made such a statement was more humorous than accurate. Mr. Roxburgh retrieved himself somewhat by imparting some really rich gems of thought to the girls whom he was addressing. He told them to "practise liking other people—they really are rather nice most of them"—priceless wisdom, if properly followed. "Hatred and contempt," he very soundly said "are the enemies of life." Practise looking for happiness instead of looking for pleasure as pleasure is like "a sprained ankle," you had it all to yourself, whereas happiness, like the measles, "one could not have it without passing it on to others."

Quite clearly, Mr. Roxburgh is far too witty and wise to remain long a bachelor, so if he wishes to retain his reputation for wisdom he should without delay join the ranks of the benedicts. "The bachelor," he confided to his feminine audience, "is a very unhappy fellow as a rule"—a fact which he hoped some of them "might remember later on." Mr. Roxburgh, besides laying down other "obiter dicta" advised the girls to "practise the art of thinking for themselves," of "getting their scale of values right" and of having at least one subject over which "to wax enthusiastic." Sound words of wisdom from a bachelor, well worthy of a benedict at his best.

"Test" Changes

Again we find ourselves on the eve of a "Test" match, and the thoughts of all cricket-loving sportsmen will go out to Chapman's stalwarts now waiting for opening of play at Melbourne. The English team has not been changed. Australia, as

the cable published to-day shows, retains but eight of the players who performed in the second "Test" encounter. W. H. Ponsford has been dropped; we take it, on account of the injury he sustained in the last match; Otto Nottling and H. Ironmonger, the other displaced Australians, did not shine when they had their chance in the Sydney tussle. Of the newcomers, Don Bradman, the New South Wales all-rounder, was selected for the first "Test" at Brisbane but did not reproduce the form he had been exhibiting in First Grade games as a member of St. George's team. R. M. Oxenham, a Queenslander, is also well known in Club and Interstate cricketing circles, but the other selected "baby," A. Beckett, is, we confess a stranger; more, he is completely an unknown quantity. We can safely say he has not figured in inter-State fixtures for the past two seasons, and the chances are he was reared in either the Adelaide or Melbourne nursery.

William Lyon Phelps writes on Love and says: "Love is the only genuine test." He continues: "The apostle John has given us in one of his letters a test at once simple and infallible, and there can be no possible mistake. 'We know that we have passed from death into life because we love the brethren.' 'If we have love in the heart, sincere, unalloyed affection for others, without a shade of resentment, then we know we are Christians.'"

A fire broke out in a match shed at Fanling, early yesterday morning, resulting in a Chinese woman being burnt to death. The match shed is reported to have been completely destroyed.

The local exchange banks will be closed for public business on Tuesday, January 1.

COLONY'S HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST WEEK

SMALL-POX DEATHS

According to reports to the Medical Officer of Health, the epidemic of small-pox is still unabating. According to last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, there were no fewer than 81 cases of small-pox while the total death was 22. The return of last week is as follows:—

Small-pox: 13 from the city, 67 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaikwan—total 81 (1 imported), 22 deaths during the week.

Cholera: 1 Japanese.

Diphtheria: 2 cases from Kowloon—total 2, 2 deaths during the week.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 6 cases from the city, 1 from Kowloon—total 7 cases (1 imported), 1 death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1, (Portuguese) 1 death during the week.

Influenza (not notifiable) 1 death during the week.

The return of three days' notifiable disease in the Colony, ending Dec. 26, was as follows:—

Small-pox: 2 cases from the city, 12 from Kowloon—total 14, (1 Japanese, 13 Chinese).

Diphtheria: 1 case from Kowloon—total 1 (British).

Enteric fever: 1 case from Kowloon—total 1 (Chinese).

PASSED TWICE

A SPEECH NEARLY FORGOTTEN

There was a unique event in the House of Lords in mail week. A Bill was passed twice. It was the Architects' Registration Bill.

Several Peers had spoken in support of it, and the Lord Chancellor (Lord Halsbury) put the question that the second reading be passed. Nobody said "Not content." The second reading had therefore been duly carried when suddenly Lord Desborough rose.

Sternly Lord Halsbury called him to order, and after a start of astonishment—for seldom is anyone called to order in this House—Lord Desborough sat down.

Then the Leader of the House, the Marquis of Salisbury, protested. He explained that Lord Desborough wished to put the Government point of view.

Lord Halsbury laughed, and many Peers joined him in mirth, when Lord Desborough, who was then allowed to make his speech, announced (after the House had passed the second reading) that the Government wished to leave the decision on the matter to the discretion of the House.

GOVERNOR'S RETURN

BACK FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

MR. SOUTHOORN'S THANKS

He hoped that before they met again they would have the privilege of having Sir Cecil Clementi back in his place, said H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday. He took the opportunity of thanking hon. members for their help and assistance during the period he had been administering the Government and wished them all a very happy New Year. (Applause.)

The Attendance

The attendance comprised:—H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.)

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.)

The Attorney-General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.)

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.)

Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works)

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police)

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs)

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D.

Hon. Sir Shou-shon Chow.

Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

Mr. H. R. Butters (Deputy Clerk of Councils)

New Ordinances

On the motion of the Attorney-General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bill passed the second and third readings and became law:—

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1865.

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates' Ordinance, 1890.

An Ordinance to amend the law with respect to the carriage of goods by sea.

An Ordinance to protect the registered proprietor of any design registered in the United Kingdom.

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916.

Finance Votes

Votes totalling \$85,734 to supplement the expenditure in 1928 were approved by the Finance Committee.

In regard to an item for \$20,653 for the reconstruction of Wongneichong nullah, from Bowring Canal to Chinese stand, the Director of Public Works explained, in reply to Sir Henry Pollock, that this did not complete the whole of the nullah work. Section 4 had still to be done.

Sir Henry Pollock drew attention to the very low rate at which certain rails of the Kowloon Canton Railway (British section) had been disposed of. The Colonial Secretary replied that they had been lying about since 1909 and had been condemned on the recommendation of a Board of Survey.

A JOY RIDE

CHINESE SCHOOLBOY'S EXPENSIVE TRIP

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Traffic cases were heard by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

A Chinese schoolboy, named Wong Kai-wing, was summoned for the negligent driving of a motor car, and for not having a driver's licence.

It was stated that owing to defendant's youth, he was refused a licence. Nothing daunted, however, Wong "borrowed" a public car from the Pedder-street stand and went on a round-the-island joy ride with a party of friends.

Wong took a bend at Macdonnell Road on the wrong side and a collision resulted with a car owned by the Consul for Cuba.

Wong, who undertook to pay compensation for the damage done to both cars, was fined \$25 for negligent driving, and \$10 for driving without a licence.

Further Offences.

The driver of public car No. 527 admitted to no fewer than five summonses for obstruction, and was fined \$5 on each count.

A fine of \$15 was imposed on the driver of another car for speeding in the city. A traffic officer chased the defendant from the Star Ferry to the Police Club, Happy Valley, before the car was pulled up.

For persistently loitering and obstructing the entrance of the Hong Kong Hotel, in spite of repeated warnings, the driver of public car No. 1487 was fined \$10.

MACAO QUESTION

PORTUGUESE IN SHANGHAI INDIGNANT

OFFENDING ARTICLE

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A mass meeting of the local Portuguese community was held yesterday at the Club Lusitano, and there were present over 300 persons including some ladies.

On November 24, last, the "China Weekly Review" published a long article by "J.A.J." on the "Macao Question," which was transcribed by a Canton paper printed in English. The article being full of inaccuracies, has united the Portuguese communities of Canton, Hong Kong, Macao, Shanghai and Japan in a most vigorous protest.

Mr. J. F. Pereira, the oldest Portuguese resident in Shanghai, presided at yesterday's mass meeting, and was supported by two secretaries, Messrs. E. A. Garcia and M. F. R. Leitao.

A telegram from Macao was read informing the local Portuguese community of the action taken at Macao, and on the subject being put to the meeting for discussion, Mr. F. A. Leitao made a patriotic speech, which was followed by others by Messrs. J. M. Tavares, C. J. Machado and V. Nunes. All the speeches were received with applause.

Mr. J. M. Tavares seconded by Mr. C. J. Machado put up a motion which was unanimously carried to the effect that the local Portuguese community indignantly protests against the article published by the "China Weekly Review," that it reaffirms its loyalty to Portugal and that without exception its members will always defend Macao, even with their lives, if necessary.

The meeting, which lasted one hour, was very enthusiastic throughout.

S.P.C.A. AND DOGS

QUESTIONS IN SANITARY BOARD

LAST CASE OF RABIES

Questions on rabies and an allegation anent the quarantine of dogs were made by Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, when the attendance comprised:—Mr. G. R. Sayer, Head of the Sanitary Department (President), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. S. W. Tso, LL.D., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

The questions put by Mr. Braga and the President's replies thereto were:—

Question: How long is it since the last case of rabies was officially reported to the Sanitary Department as occurring in the Colony?

Reply: The last case was confirmed on Dec. 13, 1927.

Question: Have any dogs, suspected of the disease, been proved to be rabid?

Reply: None since the last case.

Investigation Asked.

Mr. Braga pointed out that he had put the questions at the instance of the Hong Kong Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who had made representations to him to ask the questions. As a matter arising out of the replies, Mr. Braga said he would like to say that dogs suspected of rabies had been sent to the Mongkok Home, and on being returned to their owners, the dogs had developed tick fever and died. He suggested that the matter should be investigated.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

The Christmas season passed quietly on the island, a few visitors coming over for the holiday.

Work on the new electric light plant is going on steadily and a large concrete stand for the new streets has been constructed, though some difficulty was experienced in getting up the heavy castings for the new engine.

Rain is badly needed here, as elsewhere; the hill springs are still running, but the village wells are getting low.

Further improvements have been made to some of the houses and structural alterations have been made on the "Morning Star" ferry to suit local needs, the wheel-house being moved to the top deck. The other evening some little excitement was caused by the launch scraping along the stern of an anchored junk. Some minor damage was done, fortunately no one was hurt.—Our own correspondent.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, for the alleged murder of a Chinese, whose body was discovered in King's Park at the beginning of the month. Inspector Lane prosecuted and a week's formal remand was granted.

ANGLO-CHINESE TREATY

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FOUR OTHER TREATIES

London, Yesterday. The Anglo-Chinese treaty, signed at Nanking on Dec. 20, restores Chinese Tariff Autonomy and reciprocally grants the most favoured nation treatment with regard to export and import taxes and shipping dues.

The Text. Shanghai, Yesterday. The full text of the Sino-British Treaty signed at Nanking on December 20 was issued this evening.

The preamble states that the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, desiring to strengthen the good relations and facilitate and extend trade and commerce between their respective countries, resolved to conclude a treaty for this purpose, and appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries Sir Miles Lampson and Doctor Chengting T. Wang, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Article One abrogates all the provisions of existing treaties limiting in any way China's right to settle her Customs tariff, and states that the principle of complete national tariff autonomy shall apply.

Article Two says that either country's nationals shall not be compelled to pay in the other's territories any duties, internal charges or taxes upon goods imported or exported other than, or higher than, those paid on goods of the same origin by British or Chinese nationals respectively, or aliens.

Article Three abrogates all provisions of existing Sino-British treaties limiting China's right to impose such tonnage dues as she may think fit, and states that British ships in China and Chinese ships in British territories shall receive treatment not less favourable than is accorded to alien ships.

Article Four lays down that ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible. The Treaty shall be enforced on the date on which the two parties notify each other that ratification has been effected. It adds that in the event of a difference, the English text shall prevail.

Imports and Exports. In a first annex, Sir Miles Lampson asks Dr. Wang to confirm his understanding that, firstly, articles produced or manufactured in British territories and imported into China, and reciprocally, articles produced or manufactured in China and imported into British territories, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to any other foreign country as regards import duties and all matters connected therewith; secondly, that articles produced or manufactured in China and exported to British territories, and reciprocally, articles produced or manufactured in British territories and exported to China, shall receive similar consideration.

Dr. Wang acknowledges and confirms this understanding as correct.

In a second annex, Sir Miles Lampson announces that the King, on behalf of the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Irish Free State, India, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia, and all the self-Governing Colonies and the Protectorates, renounces the rights to benefit by those provisions of existing treaties which limit in any way, China's right to settle her Customs tariff or impose such tonnage dues as she thinks fit, from the date the Treaty is enforced, and asks for an assurance by the National Government that goods produced or manufactured in any part of these territories or in British mandated territories will be accorded most-favoured-nation treatment in China, so long as China's goods in these territories receive treatment as favourable as those of any aliens.

"Most Favoured Nation". Sir Miles Lampson also asks for an assurance by the National Government that articles produced and manufactured in China and exported to any of the foregoing territories will receive most-favoured-nation treatment as regards export duties, internal taxation, or transit dues, levied before export, or matters connected therewith, so long as goods produced or manufactured in such territory receive correspondingly treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods exported by any other foreign country.

Dr. Wang's reply notes His Majesty's renunciations, and confirms the reciprocal treatment of goods.

The New Tariffs. In a third annex, Sir Miles Lampson understands that ad valorem rates, or specific rates based thereon, in the Customs tariff which the National Government is adopting are the same as those provisionally agreed upon at the 1926 Tariff Conference, and that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods; furthermore that these will remain the maximum rates thereon for at least a year from the date of enforcement, and two months' notice will be given of enforcement.

Sir Miles Lampson then draws attention to the National Government's proclamation of July 20, 1927, announcing the National Government's intention as soon as possible to take the necessary steps effectively to abolish likin, native customs dues, coast trade duties, and all other taxes on imported goods, whether levied in transit or on arrival at destination and asks for an assurance that it is the National Government's intention that goods having once paid Customs import duty in accordance with the new or any subsequent national tariff, will be freed as soon as possible from any levies of the nature specified in the above proclamation.

Dr. Wang's reply confirms the correctness of this understanding, and confirms the terms of the proclamation of July 20, 1927 and gives the assurance requested.

To Be Applied Uniformly

In a fourth annex, Dr. Wang declares the intention of the National Government to apply new Customs tariff uniformly on all land and sea frontiers in China, and that from the date of enforcement, the present preferential rates levied on imports and exports by land frontier will be abolished.

Sir Miles Lampson's acknowledgment takes due note of this declaration, "with which Britain is in full agreement."

CHINA AND PORTUGAL

Shanghai, Yesterday. The texts of the Sino-Dutch, Sino-Swedish, Sino-Danish and Sino-Portuguese Treaties are issued. All grant tariff autonomy. Portugal and Denmark give up extrajurisdiction on the same terms as Belgium and Italy.

The second Article of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty states that the "nationals of each of the two high contracting parties shall be subject in the territories of the other party to the laws and jurisdiction of the law courts of that party, to which they shall have free and easy access for the enforcement and defence of their rights."

An annex to the Treaty says the National Government understands this is operative from January 1, 1930, before which date China will make detailed arrangements with Portugal for the assumption of jurisdiction over Portuguese in Chinese territory and failing such arrangements made by January 1, 1930, Portuguese citizens will be amenable to Chinese laws from a date fixed by China after having come to an agreement for the abolition of extrajurisdiction with all the Powers signatory of the Washington Treaty; it being understood that such date shall be applicable to all such Powers.

A further annex declares that after relinquishment of extrajurisdiction, Portuguese citizens will enjoy the right to live, trade and acquire property in any part of China, subject to the limitations and regulations of Chinese laws.

A further annex in the form of a joint declaration states: "It is understood that Portuguese in Chinese territory and Chinese in Portuguese territory shall hereafter pay such taxes or imposts as may be prescribed in the laws and regulations duly promulgated by the Chinese and Portuguese Governments, provided such taxes, and imposts are not other, and not higher, than those paid by the nationals of any other country."

SINO-SPANISH TREATY

Nanking, Yesterday. The Sino-Spanish Treaty was signed to-day at noon.

The text will be published on January 3.—Reuter.

SCHOOL PRIZES

PRESENTED TO-DAY AT YAU MATI

THE YEAR'S WORK

Mrs. G. P. de Martin distributed prizes to the successful students of the Yaumati School this morning.

Among those present were Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools. After the prizes were distributed to the successful students, Mrs. Martin was presented with a bouquet of flowers. At the conclusion three cheers and a "tiger" were given to Mrs. Martin.

The headmaster, Mr. C. Mycock, read the report. He said:

The school was open 378 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 272; the average daily attendance 253.8. The average daily attendance last year was 246.6, an increase of 7.2.

The attendance last year was excellent—97.8 per cent. This improvement over last year is due to the general immunity from small-pox, the only serious epidemic prevalent during the year.

Staff.—The staff at the end of this year consists of the Headmaster, two European Mistresses, seven Anglo-Chinese Masters and three Vernacular Masters. Mr. Brawn went on leave on March 31, his place as Headmaster being filled by Mr. Mycock transferred from Ellis Kadoorie School.

Mr. Chan Kam-tai was appointed on September 10 to replace Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai, who died on September 25 after a long and severe illness.

Mrs. Jeffreys was seconded to the school for duty for a few days in November while Mrs. Murphy was in Hospital.

Fees.—The fees were increased from January 1 to \$5 per month, and made payable for every month in the year.

Buildings and Equipment.—In February two new Beaver Black Boards were received. The P.W.D. made sundry repairs in May. Following the report of the Medical Officer of Schools alterations were made to the lavatories. The roof was slightly raised and apertures for light and air enlarged. The present system was condemned and an early substitution of the flush system was strongly recommended.

Some of the furniture is rather dilapidated and will be replaced next year.

Discipline.—Discipline generally is very well maintained. The general standard of conduct has been high.

Organisation.—The work of the school has been strictly confined to the syllabus with the exception of hygiene which was re-introduced in 1926.

Health.—In March and October the Medical Officer of Schools examined 105 entrants. 89 boys had 145 defects, mostly of a minor nature. 17 boys were unfit for drill or strenuous games, 21 have been supplied with Government spectacles. 59 others required treatment and the guardians concerned were informed by letter and held responsible that such treatment was given. Three boys have had operations.

Of 20 boys re-examined in 1928, two boys were worse than in 1927, nine showed improvement and nine no change.

During the year two boys died. An eye test was held in Class 5 in October. St. John Ambulance Brigade kindly re-vaccinated three members if the staff and three members of the staff and 176 boys on December 4. Every boy in the school has now been vaccinated at least three times.

Dr. Li Ying-yau has again most kindly given his services for the attention of all minor ailments. The staff has had a very unlucky year. Mr. Ho Yau-tak, Mrs. Murphy and the late Mr. Tam Cheuk-kai have all been absent from duty for long periods through illness.

Studies.—243 boys took the annual examination this month. In English subjects 202 or 31 per cent. passed; in Chinese, 233 or 95 per cent. The half yearly examination revealed a weakness in the upper classes in arithmetic, which now shows some improvement. Geography in class 4 was a disappointment. Colloquial throughout the school is only fair.

The other subjects are fairly satisfactory. Taking into consideration the many difficulties of the past year, the results are satisfactory.

Scholarships.—The generosity of Mr. Yu Hay-tong and the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie has supplied us with additional scholarships and prizes bearing their names, available this year for the first time.

The latest Matriculation results show how these scholarships are appreciated. Three free scholars of 1926 now at Queen's College matriculated. Each had a distinction and two gained honours. Another old boy has this year passed his final B.A. at the Hong Kong University.

Athletics.—Swimming was indulged in at Lai Chi Kok, and on launch picnics during the summer months.

The inter-class volley ball shield was won by Class 4A. Class 4B won the football shield. Competition was very keen and the sportsmanship displayed was very satisfactory. The twelfth annual sports held at King's Park this month were very well organised and successful. The jumps were particularly creditable.

Mr. Sung On-wing ably assisted by the Head Prefect, Ip Sheng-ming, has proved an efficient sports master.

Following the medical reports I considered drill unwise. Each class has appointed its own captain and vice-captain. They select teams from their own class, and are allowed the use of the ground at King's Park at stated times. All the boys of every class are thus able to use the ground.

There is a general keenness and unwillingness to be absent, and no apparent loss of work is noticeable.

At week-ends matches are played with local sides with varying results.

In the team-races at the local sports successes have been fewer than usual.

General.—Mr. Hui King-jim and the Prefects have again looked after the library. The supply of periodicals has been maintained, and it is extensively used. Its development is slow as it is entirely self-supporting.

The forest film "Chang" was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school in September.

Every boy of 13 or under attended the Grand Tattoo in October in charge of a master in October.

Thanks Expressed.

In conclusion, I desire to thank Mrs. de Martin for her kindness in again honouring us by her presence, Mr. Ralph for his attendance, and to express regret that duty has caused Mr. de Martin to break his record of attendances after the interest he has shown in Y.M.T. for so many years.

My first report for this school would be incomplete without some reference to the loyalty and willing co-operation of the staff. It has been a difficult year, and the results, disappointing, as in some classes, they are, without that co-operation would not have been so good. I sincerely thank them for the assistance they have given me this year.

CRICKET

LEAGUE TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI in their League match against the Club de Reccelo on the H.K.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A. H. Gillingham (capt.), W. B. Cornaby, G. E. E. Divett, G. P. Lammett, A. Reid, W. V. L. Stanton, J. A. Simmers, W. K. Tait, G. R. Vallack, R. H. D. Wade, E. R. West. I.R.C. v. Craigengower

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Craigengower C.C. in a League match to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp, at Sookunpo.

A. H. Rumliah (capt.), A. el. Arculli, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Curraem, A. R. Minu, S. H. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. Ackker, A. S. Sufiad and A. K. Minu.

"IF I WERE AN EDITOR"

The lament of Canon Alexander, of St. Paul's, who would do away with newspapers altogether, has aroused considerable controversy, and the subject—What I would do if I were an editor, has now become a favourite topic for discussion.

Six celebrities reveal their plans of what they would do in the circumstances:—

Lord Forbes. If I were editor of a daily newspaper I should do away with various frivolous competitions, such as bathing-girl photograph contests.

George Grossmith. If I became an editor I should at once adopt the idea of coloured supplements. They are, to my mind, a most attractive feature.

Godfrey Tearle. I am afraid I should find editing a newspaper a very difficult job! My first idea would be to engage a very fine staff, who knew their job, and let them get on with it.

Sir George Thurston, the distinguished naval architect. If I should become an editor—which God forbid—I would take immediate steps to sell it to the first applicant.

Leslie Henson. On becoming an editor I should draw my pay—and go fishing!

Lewis Baumer. I have no desire whatever to become an editor, but as to improvements in the daily newspapers, I am in favour of more good picture pages!

Solicitor at Workshop. Did you really have a good view of the accident?

Man: I made the remark that it was the first time I had seen underneath a motor-car.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Divine Woman," and Carpi's Parisian Revue" at 9.20 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Paris At Midnight."

To-day—St. Peter's Y.M.C. dance at Lane Crawford's restaurant 8 p.m.

Jan. 3—"Gilbert and Sullivan" Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Land Sale

Dec. 31—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tai, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction

Dec. 31—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 60 cases Brandy and 71 kegs dyes, 11 a.m.

Sport

To-day—H.K.Y.M.C. Hockey, 2nd XI. vs. H.K. Club "A", 5 p.m.

Meetings

To-day—The H.K.F.A. Council holds monthly meeting in "S.C.M. Post" board room, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 29—Twelfth meeting of Industrial and Commercial Bank, 2 p.m.

MME. POMPADOUR

LAVISH PRODUCTION COMING TO QUEENS

The famous story of Madame Pompadour, who has often been described as History's loveliest charmer, has been brought to the screen and will be presented at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The story is one of France in the eighteenth century. It traces the life of Pompadour from her humble beginning right up to the height of her fortune. It seems that the king's favourite wasn't always content with what she had. Pompadour ventures out one night and enters an inn where she meets and falls madly in love with Rene Laval, a poor young poet. The plot develops with amazing speed until—well—Pompadour is saved from disastrous ruin by her own quick wits. The picture has been given a lavish production and beautiful scenes of the court of Louis XV. with all its pomp and ceremony, are among the outstanding features of this splendid picture. Dorothy Gish is the leading player and is supported by an excellent cast many members of which are English.

"THE DIVINE WOMAN"

GRETA GARBO AT THE QUEEN'S

Greta Garbo's sensational picture attracted crowded houses at the Queen's last night. As the impulsive young peasant girl who rises to fame on the Parisian stage Greta Garbo's splendid acting deserves all the applause accorded to her by American critics. Lars Hanson plays with remarkable ability as the French soldier who suffers imprisonment because of his infatuation for Marianne.

An interesting M. G. M. News film and a Christie Comedy featuring Bobby Vernon completes an excellent programme.

The above programme will continue till Saturday with the Parisian Revue appearing at the 9.20 performance only.

"7TH HEAVEN"

RETURN OF SPLENDID WAR PICTURE

A picture that was awarded a medal of merit for 1928, "7th Heaven," is being shown at the World Theatre today till Saturday. It is magnificent, and although many of the details are technically incorrect, these faults are hardly noticeable as one follows the adventures of two loving souls.

The story is simple in itself, yet undoubtedly it fires the imagination. It predicts the life of a girl, waif, meek and lovingly humble, living wretchedly in the Paris slums. Driven from kith and kin, she finds a sympathetic friend in a young fellow, who provides for her a house and food. They fall in love, but their blissful happiness is soon broken by War's call to arms.

Rather slow in action at the commencement the picture now becomes a stirring tale of strife and some remarkably fine scenic backgrounds are provided. Charles Farrell, lately seen in "Fazio," is entrusted with the principal male role, whilst Janet Gaynor, as the little waif girl, is splendid.

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RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

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PROGRESS IN INDIA

WOMEN FREER TO-DAY THAN EVER BEFORE

FALLACIES REFUTED

The impression created by the statement of her Highness the Maharani of Baroda is that every woman in India is condemned to wear a veil. This is not so, writes Dr. J. H. Cousins, principal of the Madras International School of Culture, in the "Daily Express." Purdah prevails only in North and Central India, and even there is confined to certain classes. There is no purdah in South India. Her Highness presided last year over an all-India conference of women of education. None of the delegates was veiled, and men were present.

At the Indian National Congress last December, in Madras, a big contingent of women volunteers helped to preserve order. There was also a Women's Day, with great meetings of women, at which men were present. No one wore a veil.

Hindu women are in public offices all over the country. The Maharani sees a tightening of restrictions on Indian women. I travel all over India, touching all classes of people, and I see more and more freedom in the lives of women. I lecture every-



Miss Marie Kopecká, who was elected as the prettiest girl in Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, in the first beauty contest ever held there. She works for a newspaper.

where, and see larger numbers of women in my audiences.

Girl Students Unveiled

The girl students in the Benares Hindu University, the central Hindu educational institution, mix with the men students, and are unveiled. Hindu women are constantly seen driving their motor-cars, and in the motor omnibus services all over India unveiled women sit next to the men passengers.

All India cannot be squeezed into a generalisation. I have read statements about the depressed condition of Indian women. Yet in Malabar women are the owners of property, the makers and breakers of marriage, fine students, athletes and swimmers, and are free from any restrictions.

There is purdah in India, of course, but it is local. There is early marriage, but it applies to a fraction of the people. Both are accretions from historical circumstances. They are not integral to Hindu social life and culture, and they are disappearing.

The men of India gave their women the parliamentary vote as soon as they had the power to do so.

Unveiled Hindu women have voted at general elections. After the next they will sit in large numbers as elected members of Parliament, and will hold Cabinet rank. The Minister of Health in an Indian State is a woman.

THE OTHER WOMAN

ACADEMY PORTRAIT IN A DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court Mrs. Heather Forster Pilkington, of Cromwell-mews, South Kensington, S.W., was granted a decree nisi with costs against her husband, Mr. Roger Leonard Pilkington, of Lock View, Boulton Locks, Maidenhead.

The ground was his adultery with a Mrs. Cara Chambers, and the charges were not contested.

An illustrated catalogue containing a reproduction of Mrs. Chamber's portrait hung in the Royal Academy last year as that of "Mrs. Roger Pilkington" was produced in court and used for the purposes of identification.

Other witnesses were: Mrs. Pilkington, Mr. Frank Bunn, private inquiry agent, and Mr. Douglas Haig, steward at Murray's River Club, Maidenhead.

To a male applicant at Thames Police Court, Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, the Magistrate, said: "Apparently you want me to manage your wife, so that she can manage the family. It is too big a job for me."

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On demand	86 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	98 1/2
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Messageries A. & B.	\$24	n
do. C.	\$24 1/2	n
P. & O. Bank	\$24	n
Bank of East Asia	\$84	n
Insurance		
Canton Insurance	\$685 b	675 s
Union Insurance	\$365	n
North China Insurance	\$700	n
Yangtze Insurance	\$250	n
China Underwriters	\$240	n
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Shipping		
Douglas	\$38 1/2	n
Y.K. Steamers	\$20 b	20 1/2 sa
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	\$1	n
Indo-China (Freight)	\$46	b
do. (Dist.)	\$72 1/2	n
Shell Transports	\$13	n
Water-boats	\$23	b
Mining		
Benguela	\$24	n
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$70	n
Langkai (Combined)	\$10 1/2	n
do. (Single)	\$6 1/2	n
Shanghai Explorations	\$2.80	n
Shanghai Loans	\$3	n
Bank	\$5 1/2	n
Tromps Mines	\$17 1/2	n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$134	s
H.K. & K. Docks	\$35 1/2	b
China Frigidities	\$6.10	n
Hongkong	\$165	b
New Engineering	\$75	n
Shanghai Docks	\$105	n
Cotton Mills		
Ewo Cotton	\$18.15	n
Central Cotton	\$24	n
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do. (New)	\$72	b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.		
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$9.40 b	9 1/2 sa
Hongkong Lands	\$54 1/2	n
Shanghai Lands	\$105	n
Humphreys Estates	\$14.80 b	15 s
Hongkong Realities	\$8 1/2	n
H.K. Territorials	—	n
Prince's Buildings	—	n
Public Utilities		
H.K. Tramways	\$21.20 b	21 1/2 sa
Peak Tram (old)	\$13	n
do. (new)	\$5.80	n
Star Ferries	\$69 1/2	n
China Lights (comb.)		
do. (old)	\$11.80 b	11 1/2 sa
do. (new)	—	n
do. 1928 issue	\$53	b
H.K. Electric (new)	\$51 1/2	b
Macao Electric	\$28 1/2	b
H.K. Telephones	\$6.30 b	old
Chair Buses	\$10 1/2	n
Singapore Traction	\$12	n
do. Pref.	\$17 1/2 b	18 1/2 sa
Industrials		
China Sugars	90 cts.	n
Macao Sugars	\$23 1/2	n
Canton Ice	\$3 1/2	n
Cementa (comb.)	\$9.90 b	9 1/2 sa
do. (old)	\$7.80	n
do. (new)	\$12	n
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$7.80	n
do. (new)	\$8.55	n
United Alabaster	\$5	n
Stores, &c.		
Dairy Farms	\$21.10	b
Watsons	\$13 1/2	n
Der A. Wings	\$9.05	n
East Crawfords	\$3.05	n
Mackintosh	\$20	n
Sincere	\$9 1/2	b
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WATER SUPPLY

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on December 1, 1928.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1927	1928
Tytam	9' 4" B	15' 2" B
Tytam Bywash	19' 10" B	25' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate	L	0' 2" B
Tytam Tuk	11' 9" B	34' 1" B
Wong Nei Chung	12' 1" B	20' 7" B
Pokfulum	17' 1" B	21' 9" B
(Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow")		
Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.		
Tytam	1927	1928
Tytam	309.86	268.88
Tytam Bywash	2.78	.56
Tytam Intermediate	195.99	194.66
Tytam Tuk	1,146.25	707.33
Wong Nei Chung	16.52	9.45
Pokfulum	29.94	21.15
Total	1,701.25	1,201.83

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

	1927	1928
Consumption	283.83	196.17
Estimated population 417,080	427,400	
Consumption per head	22.7	15.3
per day	22.7	15.3
Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during November 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street, where an Intermittent Supply was given from November 18 to 30, 1927. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during November 1928.		

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	8' 7" B	0' 10" B
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	0' 5" B	1' 10" B
Reception Reservoir	0' 7" B	—
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
Kowloon Reservoir	269.40	343.84
Shek Lai Pul Reservoir	99.10	108.66
Reception Reservoir	\$1.81	—
Total	369.71	452.50

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November.

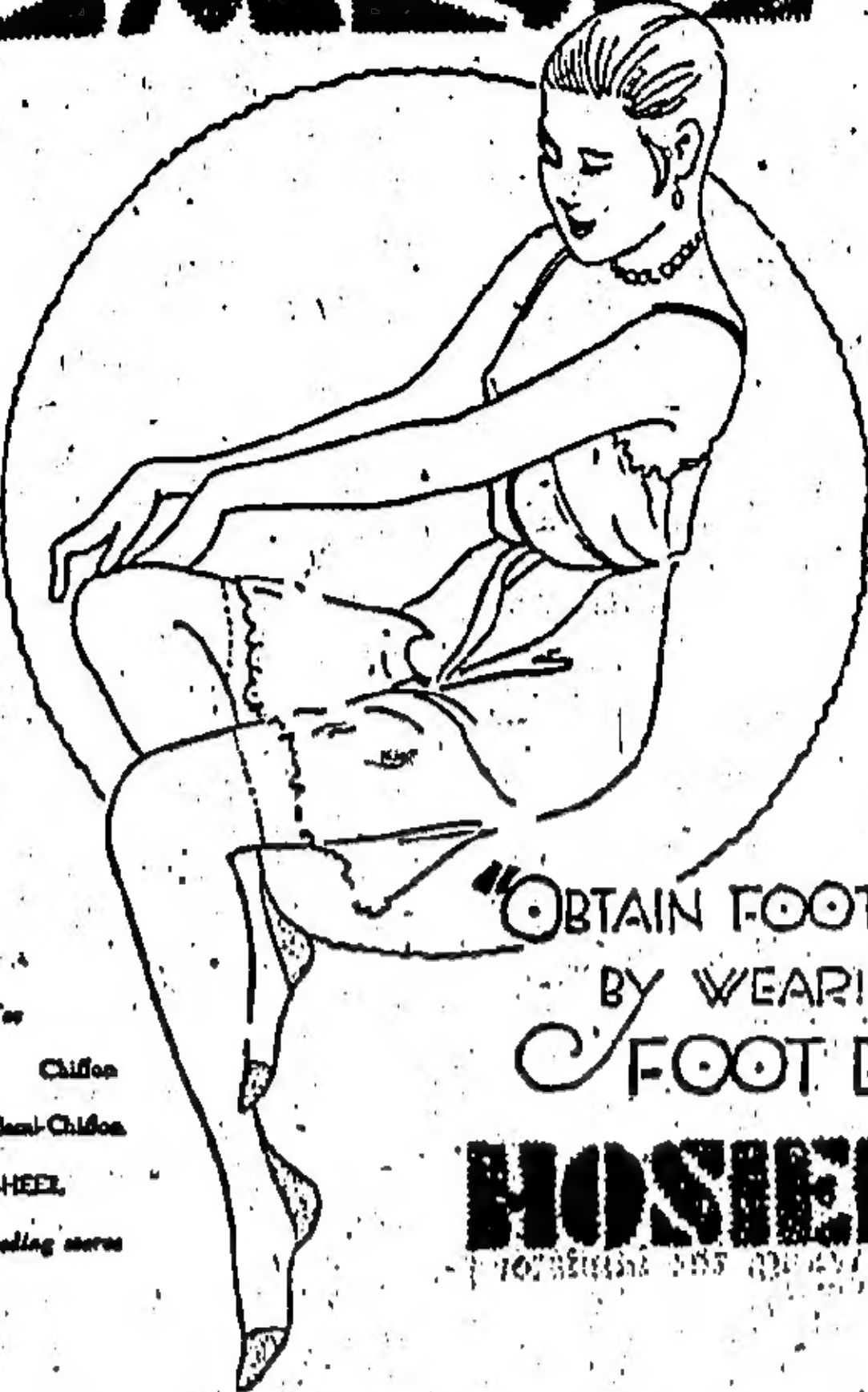
	1927	1928
Consumption	93.41	105.21
Estimated population 162,760	167,400	
Consumption per head	19.1	20.5
per day	19.1	20.5
Full Supply in all districts during November 1927 and 1928.		

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

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Big League Matches For To-morrow

THE INTERPORT

Kowloon Footballer Married

[By "Rover."]

To-morrow's League programme is as follows:—

Hong-Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

Chinese Athletic v. K.O.S.B. Regt., Club ground—referee, Engr.

Wt. Barbour, R.N.

Queen's Regt. v. South China, Sookumpoo—referee, Captain Austin, R.A.

Recreio v. Club, King's Park—referee, Mr. Willis.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China A v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill—referee, Sgt. Clarke.

Eastern v. Navy, St. Joseph's ground—referee, Lee. Cpt. Grieve.

Queen's v. Kowloon, Chatham-road—referee, Mr. Stokes.

R.A. v. St. Joseph's, Sookumpoo—referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Recreio v. South China B, King's Park—referee, Mr. Samy.

Chinese Athletic v. Small Units (Army), Club ground—referee, Sergt. Toms.

After the strenuous holiday football which many of the players have been engaged in the teams return to the League engagements with renewed vigour. The matches in the Senior League are unusually interesting.

Both the matches at the Valley and Sookumpoo will have an effect on the League table as the four teams engaged are all in the running for the League championship.

At the Club ground the Borderers and Athletic match should be extremely interesting, and it is hoped both teams will be able to turn out at full strength. I think the Borderers will make a strong bid for victory, although they put up a disappointing show against Kowloon on Saturday last.

The Regiment can field a fine side and the Athletic is just the team to bring out a bit of the Borderers' best. The Athletic will be without two key-players, but the reserve player deputising gave a good show last Saturday. The Athletic will have to work hard for the points and a draw is a likely result.

At Sookumpoo, the Queen's, who conquered the Athletic in a fine match by three goals to one, now try conclusions with the unbeaten South China team. This should be the best match of the day.

Both teams are capable of playing brilliant football on their day, and both have a partially for Sookumpoo which favours a fast open game. The Queen's will be all out to be the first to break South China's record, as they did the Athletic's this year and last, and South China will be equally keen on retaining the same.

The match should be worth going a long way to see and the result, in my opinion, will be a close one, with Queen's starting favourites. South China are much improved and if the defence can hold the strong Military forwards they will do well.

The Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Club match at King's Park is a very attractive fixture, and although Gosano turned out for Portugal, he is nursing injuries and is a doubtful starter. Points are hard to get at Recreio ground and Club will do well to secure one of them. The match is the only senior one at Kowloon and should be a great attraction. Both teams are on the up-grade and are just getting into their stride. This should be a big struggle.

Chief interest in the Junior Programme to-morrow will centre in the K.O.S.B. Regt. and Navy (B) games. Both teams are going strong for top place in the League. The Athletic are still in the running and also the Queens, and with all out on Saturday I expect the following winners:—K.O.S.B. Navy (B), Queen's Regt., R.A., South China B. and the Athletic.

The England v. China match on Xmas Day was a splendid struggle, and early opinions ventured on, as regards England's strength this year are justified. England are now favourites. Portugal gave a

CLUB TEAM AGAINST RECREIO

The following players have been

HOME SOCCER

THE LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	22	14	4	4	47	25	32
Durham	22	12	3	7	50	31	27
Blackburn	22	11	5	6	43	29	27
Leeds	21	11	3	7	44	43	25
Sunderland	22	10	4	8	51	39	24
Leicester	22	9	6	7	54	43	24
Aston Villa	22	9	6	7	50	43	24
Liverpool	22	9	5	8	40	29	23
Everton	21	10	3	8	35	28	23
Burnley	22	10	3	9	51	62	23
Huddersfield	22	9	4	9	46	33	22
Bolton	22	9	4	9	43	32	22
Newcastle	22	10	3	9	59	50	22
West Ham	22	8	5	9	40	50	21
Arsenal	21	6	7	9	35	40	19
Manchester U.	21	7	5	9	43	51	19
Sheffield U.	22	8	3	11	39	52	19
Birmingham	21	7	4	10	40	48	18
Portsmouth	22	7	5	10	30	46	18
Cardiff	22	7	5	10	28	29	17
Manchester U.	21	4	8	9	29	43	16
Bury	22	10	6	12	22	46	13

Division II.

Plymouth	22	11	5	4	48	27	29
Fulham	22	10	5	4	49	27	27
Northants	22	11	6	5	55	35	27
Luton	22	12	3	5	45	35	27
Queen's P.R.	21	10	7	4	38	31	27
Coventry	21	10	5	6	35	22	26
Charlton	21	9	5	6	35	33	26
Bournemouth	20	10	5	5	39	33	26
Wolves	22	10	11	1	38	39	23
Crystal P.	20	10	3	7	35	36	23
Swindon	21	9	4	8	39	40	22
Southend	20	7	6	7	34	33	23
Walsall	20	8	4	8	39	40	22
Torquay	20	8	2	10	38	39	22
Gillingham	20	8	2	10	38	39	22
Black R.	20	6	3	11	28	37	16
Brighton	20	6	3	11	28	37	15
Norwich	20	6	2	12	29	36	14
Exeter	20	4	4	10	30	39	14
Brentford	20	5	4	11	24	38	13
Merthyr	20	3	5	14	25	51	13
Newport	20	3	6	11	26	40	12

Division III (North).

Division III (South).

Stockport	20	12	5	3	66	31	28
Wrexham	21	10	8	3	40	28	28
Barnford C.	20	12	3	5	63	26	27
Lincoln	21	10	6	5	51	38	27
S. Shields	20	9	6	5	41	30	24
Carlisle	22	9	6	7	50	45	24
Wigan	19	9	5	5	36	30	23
Doncaster	20	9	5	6	36	30	23
Halifax	21	9	4	7	37	38	23
Tranmere	19	10	1	8	37	36	21
Nelson	21	9	2	10	41	45	20
Chesterfield	19	8	3	8	42	40	20
Rochdale	21	6	7	8	45	46	16
N. Brighton	20	8	2	10	40	43	18
Rotherham	21	7	4	10	22	43	18
Abercrombie	19	7	4	10	22	43	18
Harlepool	21	6	5	6	11	32	60
Southport	20	5	4	11	31	32	43
Southend	20	6	2	12	33	54	14
Barrow	19	4	5	10	28	43	14
Ashington	22	5	3	14	26	57	13

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selected to represent the H.K. Football Club versus Club de Recreio on the King's Park ground. Kick off at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday.

Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride; Stewart; Watson; Reid; Alexander; Goldman; Scott; Trambitzky.

Reserves: Wallington, Massey.

KOWLOON RESERVES

The following will represent the Kowloon Res. v. Queen's Res. on Chatham-road ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.—Angus; Nicholls; Hast; Moore; Robson; Blacklock; Hannan; Davies; Moss; King, Dunnett. Reserve: Seddon.

FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASES: K.O.S.B. GYMKHANA

RIDE AT CANTON

The fixture list of the Fanling Hunt is as follows:—

Dec. 30.—Cross-country scramble

—meet at Lok-ma-chau Cross-roads.

10.30 a.m.

Jan. 1.—Hunt ride—meet at

Hunters Arms, 10.30 a.m.

Jan. 6.—Water Hunt—January

Cup. Meet at Lok-ma-chau Cross-

roads, 10.30 a.m.

Jan. 13.—Point to Point—Jan

uary Cup. Meet to be announced.

Jan. 19.—Steeplechase Race

Meeting, Kwant.

Jan. 27—2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.

Gymkhana.

Feb. 2 and Feb. 3.—Paper Chase,

etc., at Canton (by invitation of

the members of the Canton Ride).

[By invitation of Lt.-Col. L. J.

Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and the offi-

cers of the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B., two

events in the Gymkhana on January

27, are confined to the subscribers

of the Fanling Hunt. Conditions

will be announced later.

Any members desiring informa-

tion re paper chase, etc. at Canton

can obtain same from Messrs.

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Chater-road.

No fixtures can be arranged with

the hounds as yet, owing to an out-

break of distemper, and as soon as

conditions improve, particulars will

be announced.]

RACE TO MACAO

POSITIONS ON CORRECTED

TIMES

THE FIRST FOUR

"Curlew," "Feathers" and "Wanderer" returned in the afternoon yesterday in the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's annual sailing race (for cruisers) to Macao and back (course of 70 miles) for the Potts Cup, and the race ended within the time limit.

Positions gained on corrected elapsed time, as announced, were as follows:—

hrs. mins. secs.

"La Cigale" (1st) 20 26 35

"U. and I." (2nd) 20 38 01

"Lady Jean" (3rd) 20 43 03

"Typhoon" (4th) 21 34 08

"Queen Bee" 21 42 01

"Norsemann" 22 10 21

"Azuma" 26 08 33

"Curlew" 26 13 06

"Feathers" 26 53 48

"Wanderer" 29 02 49

[This race counts as one of the

series for the cruiser championship

of the R.H.K.Y.C.]

Those who took part were:—

"La Cigale": Mr. N. V. A.

Croucher and Mr. F. P. Lentestey.

"U. and I.": Mr. H. S. Rouse,

Captain A. W. Davison, Captain

Alkman, Mr. P. Sinclair, Mr. J. L.

Adams, Mr. E. B. Reed.

"Lady Jean": Mr. H. J. Pearce

and Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.

"Typhoon": Mr. H. G. Gandy

and another.

"Queen Bee": Major W. G. H.

Miles, R.M., Mr. and Mrs.

Illingworth.

"Norsemann": Mr. C. L. Edwards

and Mr. H. G. Russell.

"Azuma": Lt. J. Scott-Elliott, Lt.

J. D. A. MacLaren, Lt.-Comdr.

E. M. C. Abel Smith.

"Curlew": Major J. P. S. Greig,

Lt. C. J. M. Martin.

"Feathers": Mr. Nicholson and

Captain Payton Reid.

"Wanderer": Mr. C. E. L. Grist,

Mr. F. Nicholson and Mr. G. G.

Stopani Thomson.

TENNIS

Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament close at noon on January 19. Forms may be obtained at the pavilion.

Frankly, we view with some mis-giving our chances in the Tests unless there is a bit more devil in the bowling than has been revealed at Adelaide. "Sporting Life."

TEST TEAMS

ENGLAND MAKES NO CHANGES

AUSTRALIA'S XI

Melbourne, To-day.

The English team in the Third Test Match is the same as that which played in the Second Test and won by eight wickets. Reuter.

The team will therefore be:—

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent), cap-

tain.

J. C. White (Somerset).

D. R. Jardine (Surrey).

J. E. Hobbs (Surrey).

H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire).

W. R. Hammond (Gloucester).

E. Hendren (Middlesex).

G. Geary (Leicester).

M. W. Tate (Sussex).

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

London Co-Respondent



One result of the London engagement of Edna Best, the American actress, was to be named as co-respondent in divorce suit of Mrs. Hilda Lloyd Marshall, the English stage star. The latter was granted an absolute decree on grounds of infidelity.

On Trial for Life



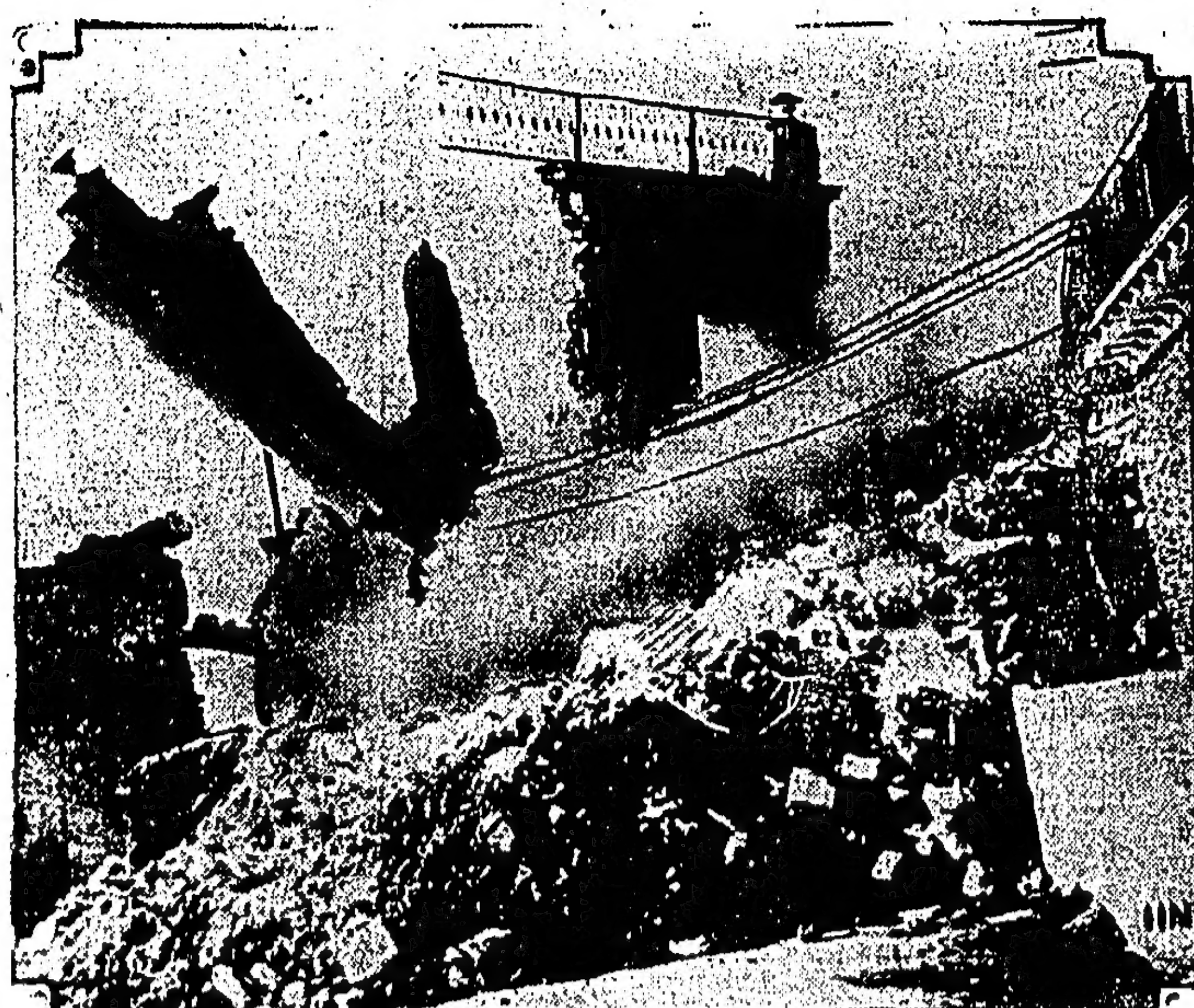
Mme. Georgette Arnaud, a beautiful Parisienne, photographed as she appeared in the dock of the Seine Assizes charged with the murder of her husband.

Matrimony Ahoy!



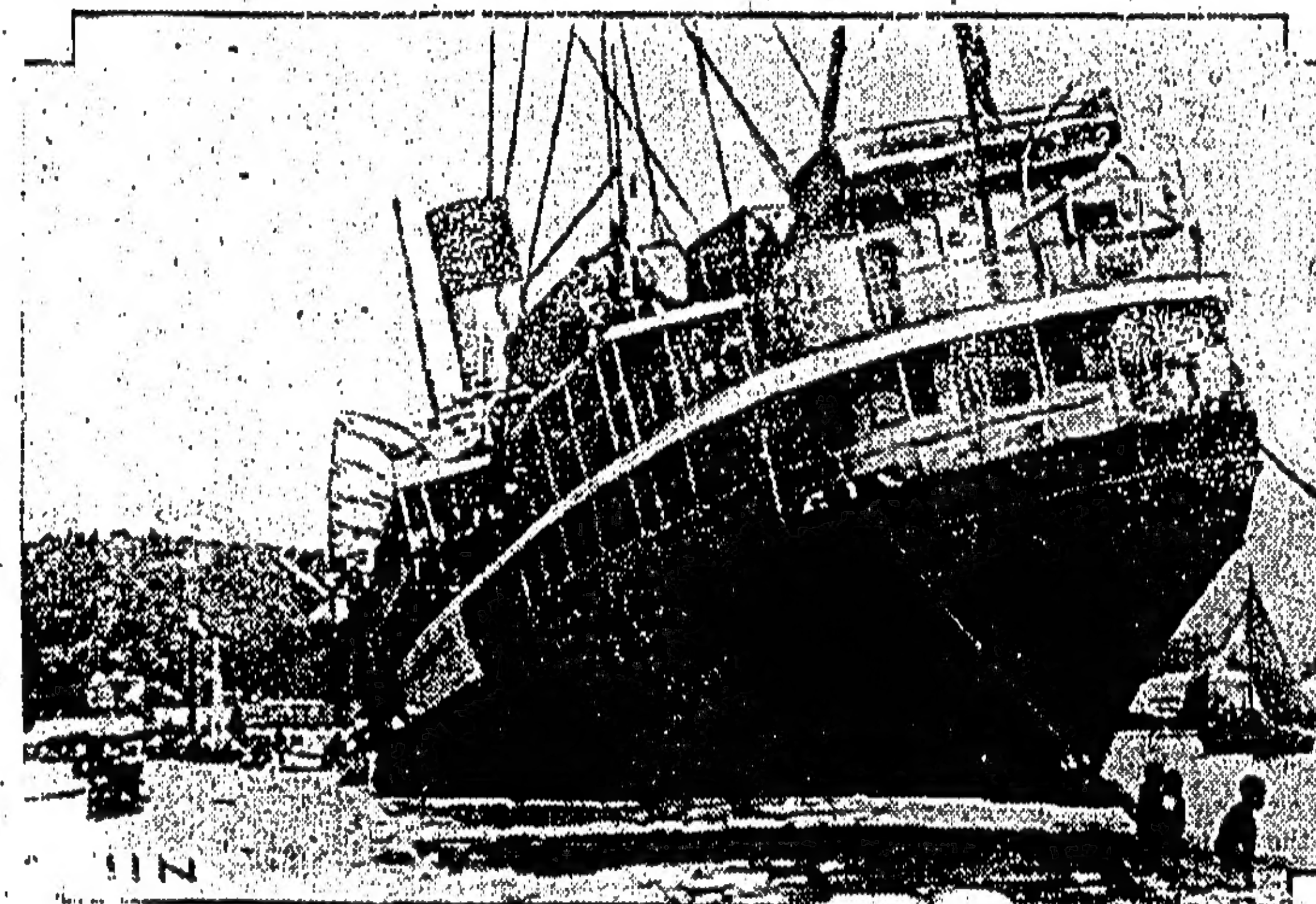
Zelma O'Neal, the original "Varsity Drag Girl" who hurried home from London where she was a favourite of the musical stage, to marry Anthony Bushnell, a young English actor. Here she is on the deck of the "Beren-garia."

Striking Photo of Flow of Lava



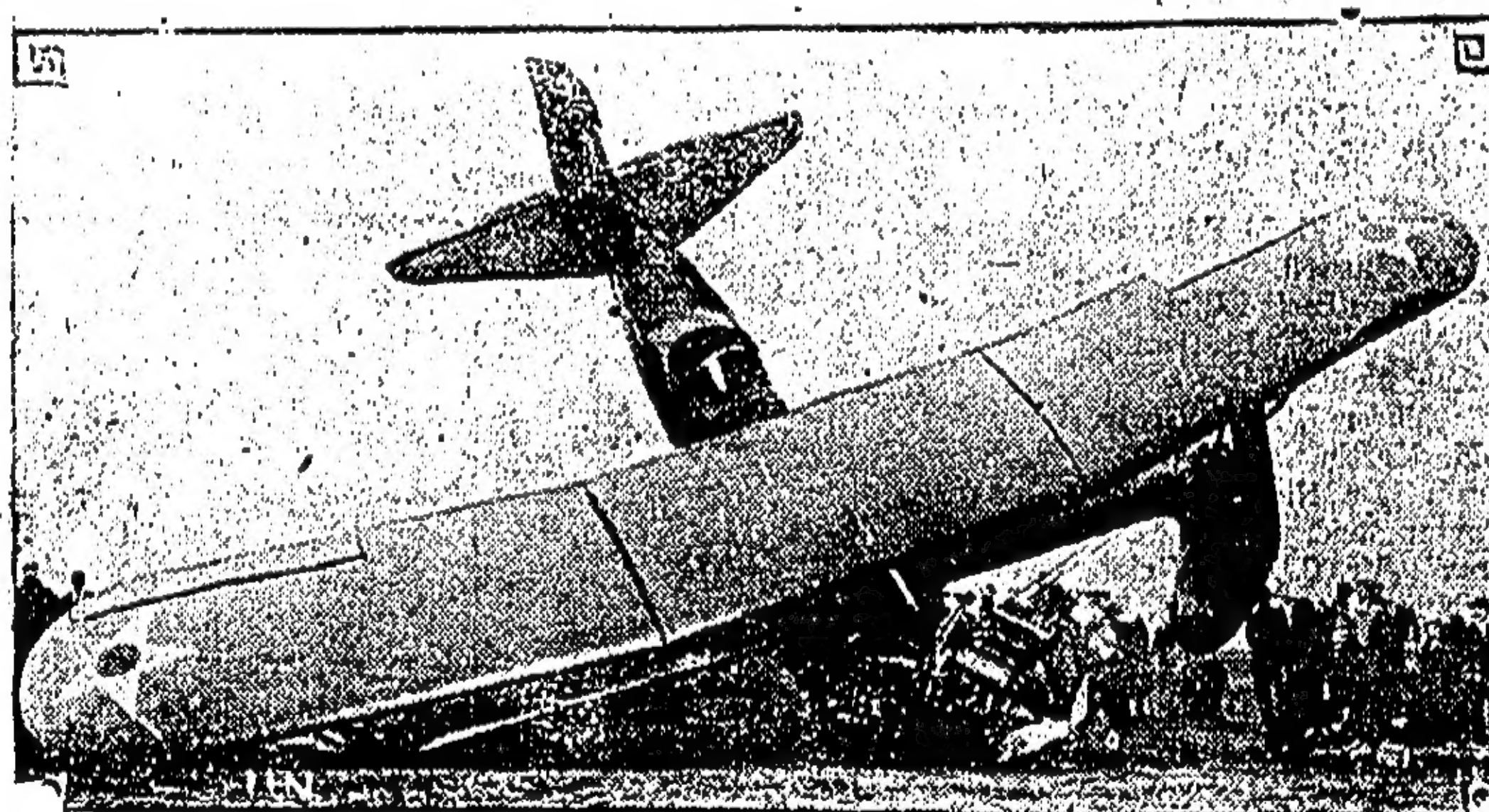
At imminent risk of his life, cameraman ground off this record of molten lava overwhelming a portion of the town of Mascali, Sicily, one of the communities entirely destroyed by the Mount Etna eruption. Photo shows the wall of a century-old building collapsing under pressure of the lava.

Was This a Prophetic Disaster?



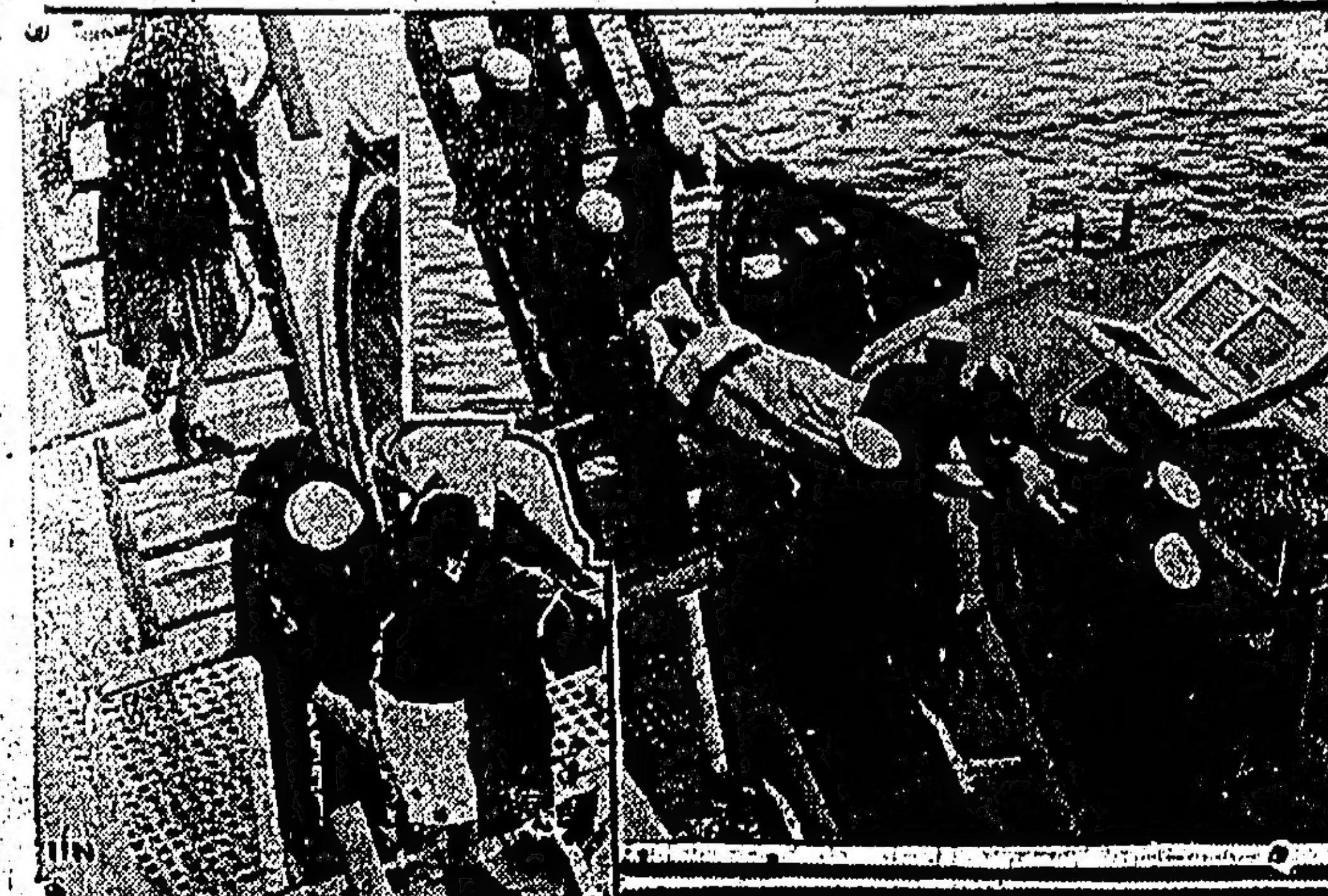
The above remarkable photo shows the ill-fated s.s. "Vestris" hard aground on North Carolina shore after a dramatic race from mid-ocean with her hold ablaze. That was in 1919. The following year the liner was re-conditioned being placed in the South American trade.

Swoops Down on Golf Course



Forced down by fog and smoke this two-seater Curtiss observation plane cracked up on Hudson River golf course at Yonkers, N. Y., but Lt. S. D. Mills and H. E. Twining, the pilots, escaped without a scratch.

"Vestris" Survivors Reach Port



"Vestris" survivors brought ashore at Hampton Roads from the U.S.S. "Wyoming" which cruised over the scene of tragedy until it was certain no further victims could be recovered. Right, Mrs. Yoshio Inouye, wife of the late Major Inouye of the Japanese Army, being carried ashore in a litter; left, Mrs. Norman Batten (top) and Mrs. George Ulrich. All three were widowed by the disaster.

Belgian Princess



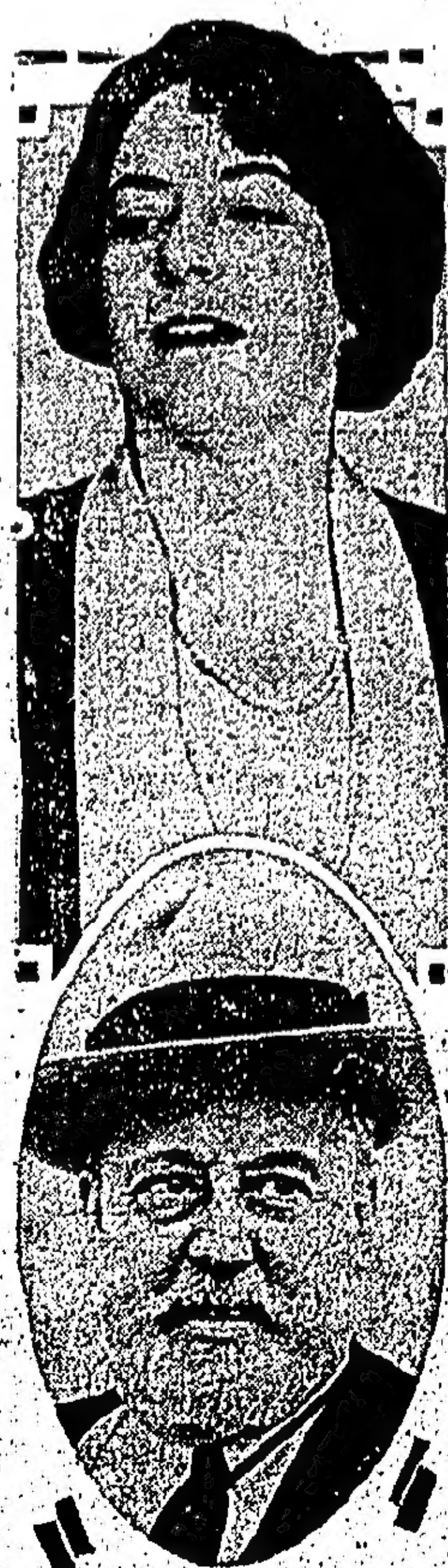
Princess Antoinette de Ligne, daughter of the Belgian Ambassador to the U.S.A. and H.H. the Princess Albert de Ligne.

Fire Chief!



Miss Edith Herzog, a University of Kansas co-ed, charged with keeping fire and trouble out of Corbin Hall, the girls' dormitory!

Gets Her Decree



A famous love story of the opera came to an end in Nogales when Mme. Frances Aida, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera company, obtained her divorce from Guallo Cattic-Casazza, general manager of the organization. The pair were married 18 years ago.

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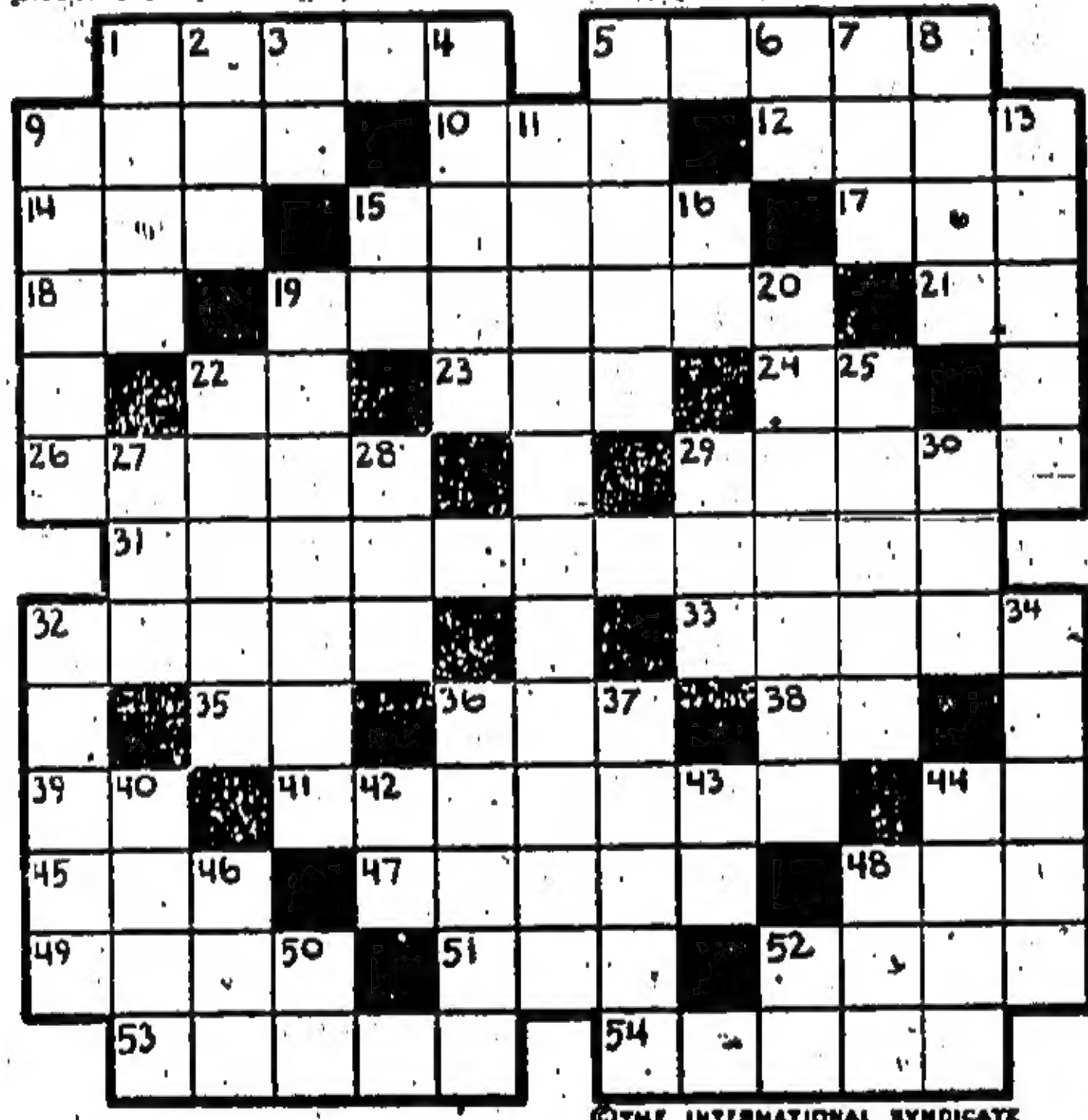
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

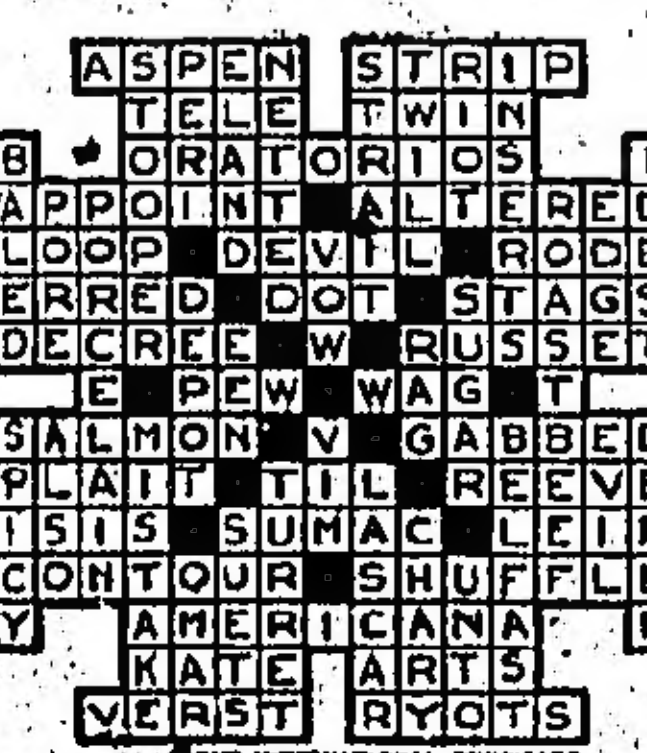


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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1—One of small bones of middle ear</p> <p>5—Grumbie</p> <p>9—First man</p> <p>10—Nimble</p> <p>11—Moves rapidly</p> <p>14—Kitchen utensil</p> <p>15—Confuse</p> <p>17—To turn to right in driving</p> <p>18—House of Lords (abbr.)</p> <p>19—The state of being inactive</p> <p>21—Pronoun</p> <p>22—Promissory note (abbr.)</p> <p>23—Portuguese coin</p> <p>24—Gilt of silk (abbr.)</p> <p>25—Purloin</p> <p>28—Top of the head (pl.)</p> <p>31—Speaks with an accent</p> <p>32—A city of Nebraska</p> <p>35—To say publicly (abbr.)</p> <p>36—Obstinate</p> <p>37—Exists</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>33—Preposition</p> <p>41—Period of time (abbr.)</p> <p>44—Forward</p> <p>45—Decline</p> <p>47—Agitates</p> <p>48—Large</p> <p>49—Abound</p> <p>51—A quadruped</p> <p>52—Wan</p> <p>53—To desire something anxiously</p> <p>54—A branch of learning (humorous)</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1—Image</p> <p>2—National (abbr.)</p> <p>3—Common meter (abbr.)</p> <p>4—Sword</p> <p>5—Girdles</p> <p>7—(Class. Antiq.)</p> <p>8—Either</p> <p>7—A month (abbr.)</p> <p>8—Apprehended</p> <p>9—A plant sucking insect</p> <p>11—Explanatory clause in a sentence</p> <p>13—Appears</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>15—One or any</p> <p>16—Pacific Islands</p> <p>19—Mystic name of Bacchus</p> <p>20—A military obstruction</p> <p>22—A nut</p> <p>25—Lute stand</p> <p>27—Child's cap</p> <p>28—Greasy plain</p> <p>29—Town in France</p> <p>30—Compass point (abbr.)</p> <p>32—Choir of eight voices</p> <p>34—To wander along</p> <p>35—The devil</p> <p>37—The trunk of human body</p> <p>40—Comply</p> <p>42—Suffix to form plural of some nouns</p> <p>43—Province of Canada (abbr.)</p> <p>44—Greasy</p> <p>46—Insect</p> <p>48—Kill, as game</p> <p>50—Mother</p> <p>52—River in Italy</p> |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island	Feet
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1764
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Byrle	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Taimoshan	3124
Mainland	Feet
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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"THE SOCIETY"

MUSICIANS' NEW CONSTITUTION

IMPORTANT CHANGES

[By Frank Eames, General Secretary, Incorporation Society of Musicians.]

Of all professions which exist in Britain to-day the profession of music receives the least recognition as a profession in return for its great services to the nation. There is one reason, and one only, for this state of affairs, viz., the profession has no representative body which can effectively safeguard professional interests.

Conditions in the profession to-day are not dissimilar from those which existed in other professions before their representative bodies were created. The profession is ill-

which the members have devoted their lives.

Local Examinations to End The Incorporated Society of Musicians was formed forty-six years ago for the express purpose of creating such a representative body for the musical profession, and it has in the past faithfully endeavoured to achieve the aims of its founders. Its constitution, however, was not fitted to meet the conditions existing in the profession to-day, and on the recommendation of a special committee, formed of many eminent members of the profession, the constitution has been recast. The objectives have been restricted to those definitely related to the highest interests of the profession, and the Local Examinations in Music, conducted for many years by the society, will therefore be terminated in December next.

The new constitution is eminently suited to meet the needs of all who practise music as a profession. Realising that membership of the society will become a recognised attainment, creating a definite status, the council have been careful to prescribe certain conditions of membership which ensure that all bona-fide practising professional musicians of good standing will be eligible. As a professional body the council have practical knowledge of the value of all existing recognised diplomas, and are not inclined to attach an exaggerated importance to the possession of degrees or diplomas. They do insist, however, that all applicants for membership give particulars of their training for the profession, as it is the "training" which is important, and not the "test" of that training. The age limit has been reduced to 21 years, and applicants also have to give particulars of their service and experience in the profession.

The most important change, however, relates to the requirement that on and from January 1, 1932, all applicants for membership must possess either the First School or Matriculation Certificate. Instead of a small council the new council will consist of thirty-five members elected as representatives to undertake various responsibilities. Such a council will be strong enough to act with authority, and by its very composition will pre-

vent any suggestion that policy is dictated by any particular interest.

A Representative Body It is intended that the society, as reconstituted, shall be the representative body of the profession of music, and it claims the support of all who have any regard for the welfare of the art and the credit of the profession. The society does not seek to place any arbitrary limit on the number of those who practise the art; it seeks merely to ensure that those who do practise shall be worthy and of good standing in the profession.

There is thus an opportunity now given to the whole profession to co-operate in their own interests for the great purposes which form the main objectives of the newly-constituted society. Conditions in the profession tend to become more difficult every day. The develop-

Lois Moran



Appearing with George O'Brien in "False Colours."

ment of mechanised reproductions of music, with its many opportunities for the advancement of musical education in a manner undreamed of by our forefathers, should provide a stimulus for the profession, but it has also brought in its train difficult problems which can be solved more easily by a corporate professional body. With good will in the profession and co-operation on the basis of membership of this newly-constituted society there will be created a representative body which will be a "great ordinary means for securing a great ordinary end giving principles and fixed form to professional aspiration."

This is surely an objective worthy of the support of all who value the dignity of a great profession.—"Daily Telegraph."

Phyllis Haver



In "Official Scandal," for Pathé.

defined in the public mind; testimonials granted upon examination by responsible institutions are confused with those of irresponsible commercial colleges, and there is no generally accepted code of professional etiquette. It is true that personality and enterprise allied with professional competency bring their own reward, but status has to be personally created and solutions found unaided for many difficult professional problems.

It has been said that the profession of music has no right to claim that it should rank as one of the great professions, that music is an intellectual luxury and not a necessity. No person who has any knowledge of the historical development of the various arts and sciences can admit that contention. The art of music has in each age developed in order to meet intellectual needs, and, with the other arts, has accurately reflected the aims and aspirations of progressive peoples. Academic principles have been formulated for its study; faculties at Universities have been established and endowed, and today music is an essential part of our primary, secondary, and University education, and is an active force in the intellectual life of the nation.

If, therefore, those who practise music do not constitute a profession, then they are merely engaged in a highly specialised form of casual labour, and nothing matters. Every person may be a law unto himself, and act as he pleases. But if there is a profession, then that profession has public responsibilities which can be met corporately only by the formation of a professional representative body charged with the duty of maintaining the honour and interests of the profession it represents and of promoting the art to the service of

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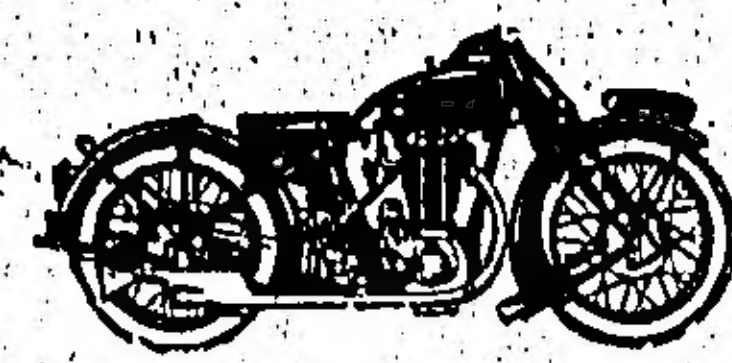


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From Per
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe
via Siberia (London, 7th & 8th Dec.) President Wilson
Shanghai and Swatow Sunning
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers
London, 29th Nov.) Kumsang
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai President Taft
Manila President Jackson
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.
Japan and Shanghai Chenonceaux

OUTWARD MAILS.

For Per
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg Koenigsberg 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard Sun Kong 5 p.m.
Japan Malacca Maru 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
C. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-
seilles, 27th Jan., 1929. K.P.O.
Registration (Dec. 28) 4.30 p.m.
Letters (Dec. 29) 9 a.m. G.P.O.
Registration (Dec. 29) 8.45 a.m.
Letters (Dec. 29) 9.30 a.m. Katori Maru
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
Hohow Tean 8.30 a.m.
Saigon and South Africa Manila Maru 10 a.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg Duisburg 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong Tonkin 1.30 p.m.
Manila President Wilson 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Swatow Hydrangea 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31.
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San Francisco, 28th Jan., 1929
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(Jan. 1, 1929) 10.30 a.m. President Jackson
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1929.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Limchow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Noon.
Amoy Sunning Noon.
Wei Hai Wei Kueichow Noon.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India,
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Egypt and Europe via Marseilles
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JUMP OF DEATH FROM CATHEDRAL TOWER

SWISS TRAGEDY

FATHER DASHED TO PIECES;
DAUGHTER SHOT

BUSINESS WORRIES

Lausanne, Switzerland.—Lausanne Cathedral was the scene of a tragedy when a French subject named Elmalch jumped from the tower 200 feet high and was dashed to pieces in the courtyard below.
Elmalch was being shown over the building by a woman guide when he suddenly rushed up the steps leading to the spire and leapt into space.
Earlier in the day he had left his hotel and, telling his wife that he was going to take two of his children for a drive, motored to an inn outside Lausanne where he wrote letters. Later he met a policeman, and under the pretext that he was going to fetch a doctor asked him to look after his little girl, who, he said, had shot herself while playing with his revolver.
At the hospital it was found she had a bullet wound in the chest. Although her mother, who is in precarious health, submitted to blood transfusion in attempts to save the child, its life is despaired of. Business worries and inability to pay his hotel bill are given as the cause of the man's act.

TO THE SOUTH POLE

U.S. EXPEDITION'S PROGRESS

NEARING THE MAIN BASE

Washington, Yesterday.—Commander Byrd's expedition is nearing the proposed main base in the Bay of Whales, and a wireless message has informed the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wilbur, that the Ross Ice barrier was reached on Tuesday.—Reuter's American Service.

STELLA MARIS

RECEIVING ORDER AGAINST MR. AUSTIN SMITH

A receiving order in bankruptcy against Alfonso Francis Austin Smith, who figured in the Stella Maris murder trial at Maldstone in 1926, was announced in the "London Gazette." The announcement reads:

Barnstaple.—Austin Smith, Alfonso Francis, Riverside, Combe Martin, Devonshire, gentleman farmer.
Last August the "London Gazette" published an order annulling a receiving order against Mr. Smith on the ground that the debts had been paid in full.

Mr. Smith, who came to Britain from Canada at the age of nine, served in the 4th Dragoon Guards before the war and afterwards in the Black Watch. In November 1926 he was acquitted at Kent Assizes, Maidstone, on a charge of murdering John Adam Derham by shooting him with a revolver at a house named Stella Maris, Tankerton, near Whitstable.

He was found not guilty of murder or of manslaughter, but was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for carrying a revolver with intent to endanger life. Since his release from prison he has been farming in Devonshire.

Last March Mr. Austin Smith lost his four-year-old son in a fire at High Trees nursery school, near Horley, Surrey, in which five children perished. About a fortnight ago Mrs. Alfonso Austin Smith was granted a decree nisi of nullity by Mr. Justice Hill in the Divorce Division.

The Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce informs us that a cable was received this morning from the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce stating that the new Nationalist Customs Tariff for China will come into effect on February 1, 1929.

Witness at Shoreditch County Court? Oh, I've finished with work—I'm 73.
Judge Cher (who is 76): 73 and done with work!

NIGHT IN A DESERT HUT

CAPT. CAMPBELL

ADVENTURE FOLLOWS A
FORCED LANDING

PAYING THE SHEIKH

Capt. Malcolm Campbell has described to a correspondent in London, the adventurous night he spent in an Arab village in the Rif territory after he and Flight Lieutenant Don made a forced landing with their small aeroplane on the coast of Morocco.
He has returned to London after his aeroplane search to the Sahara Desert for a site on which to make an attempt on the world's fastest speed record. It was on the return journey from Oran that

FRESH AND FINE

North-east winds, fresh, fine, is the forecast until noon tomorrow.

A new anticyclone has formed over the Yangtze Valley. A depression is shown to the south-east of the Loochoos. Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The mishap occurred, 75 miles from Tetuan, toward which place they set out with two Arab boys as guides. Capt Campbell said:

"We walked along the shore for a whole day and at nightfall came to a village of hutments. We were conducted to a hut, and found ourselves in a room in which about nine Arabs were squatted. Only one candle lighted the room. A pall of water was passed round. Don had a drink, but I did not like the look of the stuff. Next came pieces of bread and a pan of greasy-looking liquid. It was made clear that if we did not wish to insult our hosts we must sip the bread in the oil and eat it, which we did with considerable distaste.

The Sheikh's Wives
"The Arab chief or sheikh slept with his head half out of the only small entrance to the room. We were told afterwards that he took up this position so that no one should pass him without his being awakened. His wives, in considerable number, slept in the room below.

Don gave our host a pair of old pants and a vest, and I presented him with a pair of pink pyjamas. He seemed delighted with this form of payment for his hospitality.

"We trudged on next day. At last we came to a fort manned by some Spanish wireless operators, and they conducted us to a fully manned Spanish fort, where the commandant treated us with the greatest kindness.

COWARDLY ATTACK

FOUR RUNNERS ATTACK A COOLIE

FINED TO-DAY

An assault arising, it is alleged, through jealousy between a street coolie and four boarding-house runners took place yesterday in Salsbury-road near the Star Ferry wharf at Kowloon. The street coolie, in the course of the scuffle, received an ugly gash across his face, which penetrated deeply into his left cheek. He had no chance to fight for himself, for while two assaulted him, the others held him by the arms. The timely interference by a Chinese traffic constable, put a further stop to more damage. The sequel was heard at the Kowloon Court to-day, when the four runners were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of assault.

The first defendant admitted the offence, but the other three denied striking complainant, who appeared with a wide piece of plaster over the left side of his face.

The traffic constable, who affected the arrest, gave evidence of having witnessed the assault.
A fine of \$5 or seven days' jail was imposed on the first defendant, who, in addition, was ordered to pay \$5 as compensation to complainant. The other three were also fined \$5 or seven days, and all four defendants bound over in a personal bond in the sum of \$50 to be in good behaviour for six months.

IS IT A SHIPPING RATES' WAR?

THE HAVANA TRADE

CUNARDER SAILS WITH A FULL
PASSENGER LIST

NEW YORK PAPER'S COMMENT

New York, Yesterday.—Despite the 25 per cent. cut in the Ward Line rates the Cunarder "Caronia" sailed full of passengers on her first invasion into the Havana shipping trade. Whether a first-rate shipping war is to develop remains to be seen.
"The World" declares that the Shipping Board's action is hasty and ill-considered.—Reuter's American Service.

Keen Competition

[The following telegram was received from New York on Dec. 28:—

Following the announcement of the Cunard Company's intention to put the steamer "Caronia" on the New York-Havana service, the Shipping Board has put the steamer "President Roosevelt" on that route and the Ward Line has reduced their passenger rates by 25 per cent.]

LORD BIRKENHEAD

SLASHING REPLY TO SIR H. SLESSER

GAVE THOUSANDS BACK

The duel of words between Lord Birkenhead, who recently resigned from the Government, and Sir Henry Slessor, K.C., the former Socialist Solicitor-General, is creating a great deal of public interest.

Sir Henry criticised Lord Birkenhead's acceptance of an ex-Lord Chancellor's pension of \$5,000 a year without assisting in appeal work.

Sir Henry, whose statement was made in the House of Commons, said that Lord Birkenhead "was not morally entitled to draw \$5,000 a year if he did not perform judicial work."

Previously, Lord Birkenhead had stated that he intended to take his pension until he settles down to his City directorship.

Moral and Legal Right
In a letter to the "Times" Lord Birkenhead described Sir Henry's criticisms as an impertinence. He added:

Speaking for myself, if I thought it proper to do so I should hold myself morally, as I clearly am legally, entitled to retain my pension.

He pointed out that his average earnings for the four years before he became a Law Officer were \$4,000 a year more than he received in that office. Then, after stating that the period during which he would draw his pension would not be unduly protracted, he continued:

During each year of my Law Office I voluntarily returned many thousands of pounds of my income to the Treasury. The late Lord Cave and the present Lord Chief Justice, each of whom was Solicitor-General under me, made the same unadvertised sacrifice. The stringency of public affairs was hardly less serious when Sir Henry Slessor was a Law Officer. I am unaware that either he or his chief felt it necessary to enter into any such self-denying ordinance.

As I have unintentionally been led to speak of myself as Attorney-General, I may, perhaps, be permitted to point out that I am the only Attorney-General known to history who has ever insisted that his Solicitor-General should earn approximately the same fees as himself.

Sir Henry Slessor, K.C., who was called to the Bar in 1905, was specially made a K.C. on the advent of the Socialist Government of 1924, in which he was Solicitor-General. He filled the office till the dissolution of the Government in December of that year.

Sir Henry had no seat in the House, and much of the work fell upon the Attorney-General, Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C.
In the next Parliament Sir Henry was elected for the South-east division of Leeds, a seat which he still holds.

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5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.
7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).
"Poet and Peasant." Overture.
Grenadier Guards Band.
"La Ronde Des Lutins."
"Polonaise." Mayer Gordon.
Violin.
"The Jewels of the Madonna." Intermzzo.
B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.
"Martial Moments."
Grenadier Guards Band.
"Ave Maria."
"On Wings of Song."
Squire Celeste Octet.

"The Creation." With Verdure Clad. John Bonner. Boy Soprano.
"Popular Songs."
"Oh, Kay." Layton & Johnson.
"Summer Days Suite."
(a) Wood Nymphs.
(b) At the Dance.
Queen's Hall Orchestra.
"The Bronze Horse." Overture.
London Symphony Orchestra.
"Lohengrin." Bridal Chorus.
"Tannhauser." Grand March.
Columbia Grand Opera Company.
"Four Indian Love Lyrics."
Union Symphony Orchestra.
"The Jewels." The Faithless Men.
"Little Cattle." Little Cattle.
Norman Allin. Bass.
"Tannhauser." Bacchanale.
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Rosemunde." Overture.
Halle Orchestra.
"Drinking."
"Song of the Flea."
Captain Zaporojets. Bass.
"Carmen." Selections.
B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra.
News Bulletin.
Dance Music.
God Save the King.
Close Down.